

Questions and Answers- Funding Opportunities Tool for Indigenous Housing

1) *Who can use this tool?*

By gathering key resources under one place, the tool is intended to help Indigenous communities with their housing-related planning. Non-exhaustive information for both on and off reserve have been included and is denoted in the tool itself.

CMHC staff can also use the tool to look for possible partnership opportunities; think Co-investment Fund requirements!

2) *How was the information collected?*

An external research firm called PRA Inc. was hired on behalf of CMHC to collect the information. PRA Inc. searched the websites of private and public organizations and institutions for housing-related funding and training opportunities, as well as other related resources, such as guides.

3) *How do you use the tool?*

The tool is hosted on CMHC's website. Once downloaded, it is searchable offline.

There are two tabs in the Excel file. The first tab is the cover page. It contains a disclaimer which explains the intent and limitations of the tool. Notably, it advises clients and partners to rely, first and foremost, on the source of the opportunity itself for complete up-to-date information.

The second tab is the tool itself. It includes:

- funding opportunities for the construction and renovation of housing
- training to design, build, inspect and manage housing
- eligibility requirements and contact details for a variety of housing programs
- other resources and tools, such as Indigenous organizations and guides

It can be filtered by region and type of support.

4) *I noticed there isn't information for every province/territory and for each type of support. Why not?*

The initial compilation that was done in 2018 did not produce specific results for Newfoundland and Labrador and Nunavut, as well as for certain types of support for some regions. A secondary, deeper search will be conducted in 2019 and the tool will be updated with any new information found.

5) *I know of a funding or training opportunity that's not listed. Why not?*

The external research firm compiled the information and while several staff reviewed it, there could be missing or incorrect information.

The disclaimer on the Cover Page tab of the tool has been prepared in conjunction with Legal Services to protect CMHC from potential risks. On the webpage, a section called “Report an issue” will also allow visitors to report missing or incorrect information.

If you have missing or incorrect information to report, please send it to FNCommPN@cmhc.ca. We will do our best to investigate and correct any issues as soon as possible.

6) *How often will the tool be updated?*

A secondary, deeper search will be conducted in 2019 and the tool will be updated with any new information. This update will be communicated when complete.

While CMHC will strive to update this tool periodically, the information provided may change from time to time. It is always best to contact the providers of the programs and initiatives directly for up-to-date availability.

7) *My client or partner doesn't have access to Excel. Is there another way to access the information?*

The tool is only available in an Excel format online. Should someone not have access to Excel, please direct them to get in touch with FNcommPN@cmhc.ca so that we can provide the information in another way.

You could also have a conversation with your client or partner about their needs and export any findings from the tool in PDF format and share it that way with them.

8) *Have the organizations involved been notified that information on their programs and resources are included in this tool?*

Organizations have not been formally notified. The information in the tool is public information, available online. The tool simply acts to aggregate multiple sources of information into one place.