

AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO

RFP NO. RFX002627 - U.R.N. INDIGENOUS HOUSING CENTRE

This amendment dated as of February 13, 2024, will amend RFP No. RFX002627 as follows:

1. **Delete Section 4.3 Eligible Activities under Program and Operational Funding**, in its entirety from page 33-34, of Appendix C, Part I, and replace it with the following:

4.3 Eligible Activities under Program and Operational Funding:

Recognizing the goal of the U.R.N. Strategy Framework is to reduce core housing need it is expected that the majority of program funding will be spent on projects that narrow the housing gap. **Subject to Treasury Board approval and as will be confirmed by CMCHC during the contract agreement negotiation phase**, the Centre is expected to flow funding to eligible activities that would see Indigenous housing and service providers:

- (i) Increase their capacity to support U.R.N. Indigenous Peoples through development of new or expansion of successful existing housing programs;
- (ii) Build/acquire/convert housing and land for the purposes of shelters and affordable housing across the spectrum for those in greatest need;
- (iii) Repair, operate and maintain housing units and particularly preserve existing social housing stock; and
- (iv) Develop new or augment existing housing affordability support tools – including but not limited to rent supplements, rental subsidies, or allowances.

Funding is available for activities associated with new or enhanced housing related projects, including building purchase, new construction, repairs, and renovations.

Housing, new construction: Planning, design, construction and acquisition of new housing units. Housing units include single units, multi-units, mobile homes, as well as special needs housing such as homes for the elderly, group homes, and homes for people who require assisted living but not medical care and housing and land for the purposes of shelters and affordable housing across the spectrum for those in greatest need;

Housing, repairs: Repairs of existing housing units and particularly existing social housing stock. The types of housing units covered are described under the Housing, new construction.

Housing, renovations: Renovations of existing housing units. The types of housing units covered are described under the Housing, new construction. Funding can also be used to support capacity of U.R.N. Indigenous housing and service organizations through development, augmentation and/or provision of education and training supports in the areas of:

- (a) Construction, operations, and maintenance;
- (b) Housing portfolio management and administration; and

- (c) Housing-related program development, service delivery and research which could include financial literacy, home buying guidance, tenancy rights;
- (d) Training for community housing inspectors, and life-skills training for residents related to housing for residents; and
- (e) Supporting research and data development and collection to identify housing and service delivery gaps and inform progress on addressing this through U.R.N. funding.

A maximum of 15% of program funding can go to support the coordination of wrap-around (ancillary housing) services, and enhanced coordination among agencies, governments, and the private sector that help sustain positive housing outcomes for Indigenous Peoples along the housing continuum.

Additionally, the National Centre may choose to utilize operational funding for:

- (a) Provision of training and education
- (b) Coordination of Services/Resources
- (c) Capacity Building and Research and Data development and collection

Proponents are welcome to identify any other key **operational** activities they feel would advance the Centre's vision and objectives.

*Note: U.R.N. **program** funding can only be used to support partnerships and coordination of existing wrap around (ancillary housing) services as opposed to funding these services directly. Other federal, provincial, territorial, regional, and municipal programs are **potentially** available to support this. **The Centre could seek to leverage other funding sources of related federal programs/initiatives.***