



Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP)

Frequently Asked Questions

Please consult the RFP Template and Program Guidelines for full information.

1) What is the purpose of the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP)?

The Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP) is a component of the Supportive Housing Investment, which was developed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). ISHP is specifically designed to be administered by Indigenous organizations for Indigenous people in need of housing and support services. ISHP is comprised of two funding streams: ISHP Operating Funding and ISHP Capital Funding. **For the purpose of this RFP, only ISHP Capital Funding is available.**

2) How can ISHP Capital Funding be used?

ISHP Capital Funding is to be used to increase the supply of physical long term supportive and transitional housing units. Completed units must also be linked to housing assistance and/or support services for a minimum of 10 years and have affordable rents for a minimum of 20 years. Eligible capital projects must be one of the following:

New Facilities:

- Acquisition and, where required, rehabilitation of existing buildings to create transitional housing or permanent supportive housing.
- Conversion of existing buildings to create transitional or permanent supportive housing.
- Expansion of an existing transitional housing or permanent supportive housing facility.
- Conventional or modular construction of a new permanent supportive or transitional housing facility or expansion of a current transitional or permanent supportive housing construction project in-progress to increase capacity.

Retrofits:

- Renovation, retrofitting, repair and upgrading of existing transitional housing and permanent supportive housing facilities, for example, to meet building code standards and public health requirements. (Note that retrofit / renovation costs must cost more than \$50,000 per property)

3) Who can apply for ISHP Capital Funding?

Indigenous non-profits in Ontario. Funds must be for Capital development or retrofits off reserve.

4) For ISHP Capital Funding, is there a minimum number of units per project that will be considered for funding? If so, what is it?

No.

5) Do I have to provide supportive services to access ISHP Capital Funding?

Yes, units developed through ISHP Capital Funding must be attached to support services (i.e., be supportive or transitional housing as per ISHP Program Guidelines www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca) and applicants are required to quantify the amount of operating funding needed to support these units for a 10 year period and to identify the source of this operating funding. If operating funding will be provided by another organization, you must have a signed Memorandum of Understanding in place and it must be provided to OAHS with your other supporting documentation.

6) Our capital development plans are very preliminary – how do we complete some of the detailed sections of the proposal?

Development approval will be based on construction readiness and ability to meet the program's eligibility criteria. It is essential that all sections are completed in full, and you can demonstrate that your project will start construction, rehabilitation and/or conversion within 120 days of the date of commitment and be completed within two years of the date of commitment.

7) Do we need to own property to apply?

No, you don't have to own property to apply. However, you must provide an executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale as part of your proposal to show you do have an option to purchase land or a building in need of renovation. If you do own land, you must provide a copy of the registered Charge proving ownership of the property you wish to build on. Only proposals that are essentially "ready to go" will be considered for ISHP Capital Funding.

8) How will ISHP Capital Funding be released?

Capital repayment funding will be provided via milestone payments. See Program Guidelines for details.

9) RFP asked about the use of green and energy efficient technology. Is it required that we incorporate this technology to make our project eligible?

One of the objectives of ISHP is to deliver a housing program that is designed with the goal of long-term sustainability, including the provision of units that are high quality, energy efficient and low maintenance, using materials that are highly durable and resilient in the construction of the housing. It is not mandatory that you incorporate these suggestions to make your development eligible, however we do encourage you to respect the environment and realize savings that will improve housing affordability over the long term. Developments with increased energy efficiency measures may be prioritized.

10) Are there any fees associated with the funding?

Yes, your funding is subject to OAHS Titles fees. These would be debited from your milestone payments prior to depositing your funds to your lawyers trust account. There would be a minimum \$1150 fee for new developments and a minimum of \$875 for acquisitions/rehabilitations. A statement of expenses would be signed by your organization and OAHS, prior to any payments being made.

11) What are the approval timelines?

RFP Launch	June 3, 2024
RFP Closing	July 29, 2024
Independent Proposal Review Committee review	August 2024
OAHS Board review	TBA
MMAH Approval	TBA

12) Will I be notified of the RFP outcome?

Yes. All Service Providers will be notified subsequent to final approval by the OAHS Board and review by the MMAH.

13) How should we submit our proposal?

Please submit via email to ishp@oahssc.ca

14) Who should we contact if we have questions?

You can email the Programs Dept at ishp@oahssc.ca