



## Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP) Frequently Asked Questions

Please consult the RFP, Program Guidelines, and Appendices for complete details.

### 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). The ISHP is specifically designed to be administered by Indigenous organizations for self-identifying Indigenous people in need of off reserve housing and support services.

### 2) How can ISHP Operating Funding be used?

Operating funding is to be used to provide off reserve housing assistance and support services to help transition self-identifying Indigenous people experiencing homelessness into stable housing. Housing assistance can be rent supplements (rent subsidies tied to a rental unit and paid directly to housing providers) and Housing Allowances (portable rent subsidies paid directly to recipients). **If approved for funding, applicants are not permitted to transfer funds to a third-party partner for expenditure. All funds must be used by the applicant directly to provide supportive housing to clients. Fees for services are eligible expenses. Funding must be documented in your General Ledgers and audited financial statements.**

### 3) Who can apply for ISHP Operating Funding?

Indigenous non-profit corporations with a mandate to serve self-identifying Indigenous peoples through housing and/or support services in their Articles of Incorporation. All services must be delivered off-reserve and cannot give preference to any certain affiliation or status.

### 4) What is the term of ISHP Operating Funding?

Operating Funding is subject to annual approval by MMAH. In order to receive annual funding, all required updated documents requested by OAHS must be submitted by the deadlines. Fiscal year starts April 1 and ends March 31.

**5) For Operating Funding, is there a maximum funding request that will be considered per Service Provider?**

No. You may apply for as much funding as you require, up to the funding amount available in this RFP.

**6) Can I apply for Operating Funding for Pre-Existing developments?**

Yes, as long as ISHP funding is used to transition people out of homelessness. Please refer to the ISHP Program Guidelines available at [www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca](http://www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca).

**7) What are the approval timelines?**

RFP Launch	December 10, 2024
RFP Closing	January 20, 2025
Independent Proposal Review Committee Meeting	February 2025
OAHS Board Meeting	February 2025

**8) Will I be notified of the RFP outcome?**

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

**9) How do I apply for funding?**

All applications must be sent to: [ishp@oahssc.ca](mailto:ishp@oahssc.ca) by the deadline of January 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM EST. Any proposal received AFTER this date and time will NOT be considered.

**All questions can be directed to this email address.**