

CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING: YOUR GUIDE TO WHO DOES WHAT

City Of Toronto

Affordable Housing Office

The Affordable Housing Office administers and delivers Toronto's affordable and transitional housing programs on behalf of the federal and provincial governments – this includes making recommendations to the Affordable Housing Committee and City Council for new developments proposed by private and non-profit sponsors. The Affordable Housing Office is also responsible for co-ordinating the deliver of city benefits to new developments, such as the waiving of development fees and the deferral of property taxes.

<http://www.toronto.ca/affordablehousing/index.htm>

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division assists in the review of new development proposals and provides contract administration and compliance during the operating phase once developments are completed and occupied.

<http://www.toronto.ca/housing/index.htm>

Green funding/Green standards

Grants, rebates and loans are available to assist proponents with their projects. The City of Toronto's Energy Efficiency Office is the source for information and advice on what is available through various government programs.

<http://www.toronto.ca/energy/index.htm>

To view the Toronto Green Development Standard, go to:

http://www.toronto.ca/planning/pdf/gds_standard_17Jan08.pdf

Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

The Office of the Lobbyist Registrar promotes and enhances the integrity of City government decision-making through public disclosure of lobbying activities and regulation of lobbyists' conduct. Proponents of new affordable housing are required to comply with the requirements of the lobbyist register when discussing the details of their proposals with Toronto public officials.

<http://www.toronto.ca/lobbying/index.htm>

Purchasing and Materials Management

Purchasing and Materials Management issues RFPs and other tender calls on behalf of the City of Toronto. Proponents of new affordable and transitional housing will be required to respond to RFP's through the city's Purchasing and Materials Division.

<https://wx.toronto.ca/inter/pmmd/calls.nsf/professional?OpenView>

Government of Ontario

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Ministry delivers the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program in the Ontario. The Ministry, within a national framework, establishes Affordable Housing Program (AHP) guidelines. The Ministry also determines the allocation of AHP resources among municipal Service Managers and provides final approval on recommended projects.

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page11.aspx>

Government of Canada

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is a partner in the funding of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program. The overall mandate of CMHC also includes working to enhance housing finance options, assist Canadians who cannot afford housing in the private market, improve building standards and housing construction.

<http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/>

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada – Service Canada

Service Canada operates a number of national housing support programs, including ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes, Emergency Repair Program and the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. In addition, Service Canada provides direct funding to Toronto through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy which Toronto then allocates to proponents of new transitional housing.

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/subjects/housing/index.shtml>

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