



# Aboriginal Affairs Committee

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

## Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division

SSHA helps low-income and vulnerable residents find and keep permanent housing by investing in, and coordinating, a range of housing and homelessness services and supports.



# Need for Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Services

**Street Needs Assessment:** Aboriginal people continue to be overrepresented in the homeless population, especially those sleeping outdoors and in younger age groups.



# Need for Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Services

## Toronto Aboriginal Research Project (TARP)

The Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC), as part of the TARP Steering Committee, released the largest and most comprehensive study of Aboriginal people ever conducted in the City of Toronto in 2011.

Funding from SSHA supported a critical component of the report that examined the issue of Aboriginal housing and homelessness in Toronto.



# Housing Stability Service Plan

## Strategic Direction 5. Improving access and equity

All Torontonians have a right to access housing and homelessness services that address their needs, without being disadvantaged as a result of identity, ability or where they reside in the city. SSHA is committed to ensuring that all households are treated in a fair and equitable manner when seeking housing assistance.

### Key Action 5.2

Develop comprehensive strategies to ensure that housing services are responsive to the needs of specific client groups including women, seniors and older adults, Aboriginal People, LGBTQ, and people with substance use and/or mental health issues.



# Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Services

## Housing Stability Policy and Strategic Investments and Streets to Homes

Over \$26M has been invested since 2007 on Aboriginal capital projects and program and services that assist people to access and keep permanent housing.



# Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Services

## Social Housing

Over \$8.6M invested in urban native programs and rent supplements to Aboriginal housing providers and over 800 Aboriginal-targeted social housing units.



# Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Services

## Hostels

Approximately \$2M invested in 103 Aboriginal shelter and transitional beds .





# Aboriginal Collaboration and Partnerships

- Engagement with TASSC (Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council)
- Engagement with Aboriginal/Indigenous service users
- Aboriginal Tenant Support RFP
- HPS Aboriginal Community Advisory Board
- Aboriginal Art Showcase
- Consultation on Housing Opportunities Toronto Update
- Engagement with TASSC and HPS CAB on 2017 Street Needs Assessment
- Aboriginal Engagement Policy Framework

