

Implementing the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan

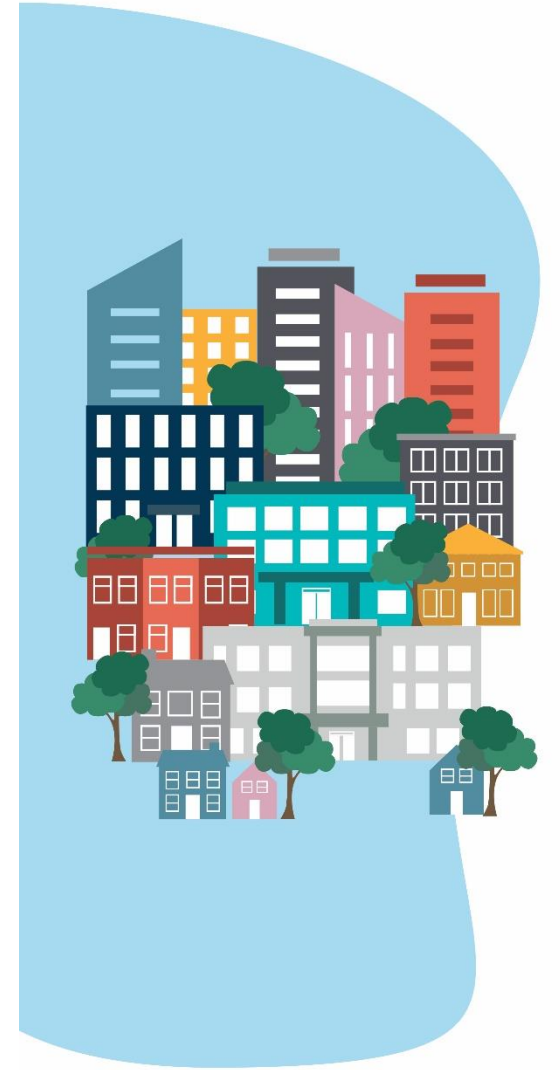


Presentation to the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

April 1, 2022

Overview

- HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan
- Progress Made since 2020 - present
- Key Actions Planned for 2022 and 2023



The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan

- The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan (“HousingTO Plan”), Canada’s first human rights-based housing plan, was adopted by City Council in December 2019.
- The HousingTO Plan is the City’s umbrella housing and homelessness plan, and provides a blueprint for actions and investments across the full housing continuum over the next 10 years.



Toronto Housing Charter Opportunity for All

- The Toronto Housing Charter states that, “It is the policy of the City of Toronto to recognize that housing is essential to the inherent dignity and well-being of the person and to building sustainable and inclusive communities.”
- The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan, rooted in a human rights-based approach to housing, aims to ensure that the City’s policy as stated in the Toronto Housing Charter is realized.



HousingTO Plan Strategies and Actions

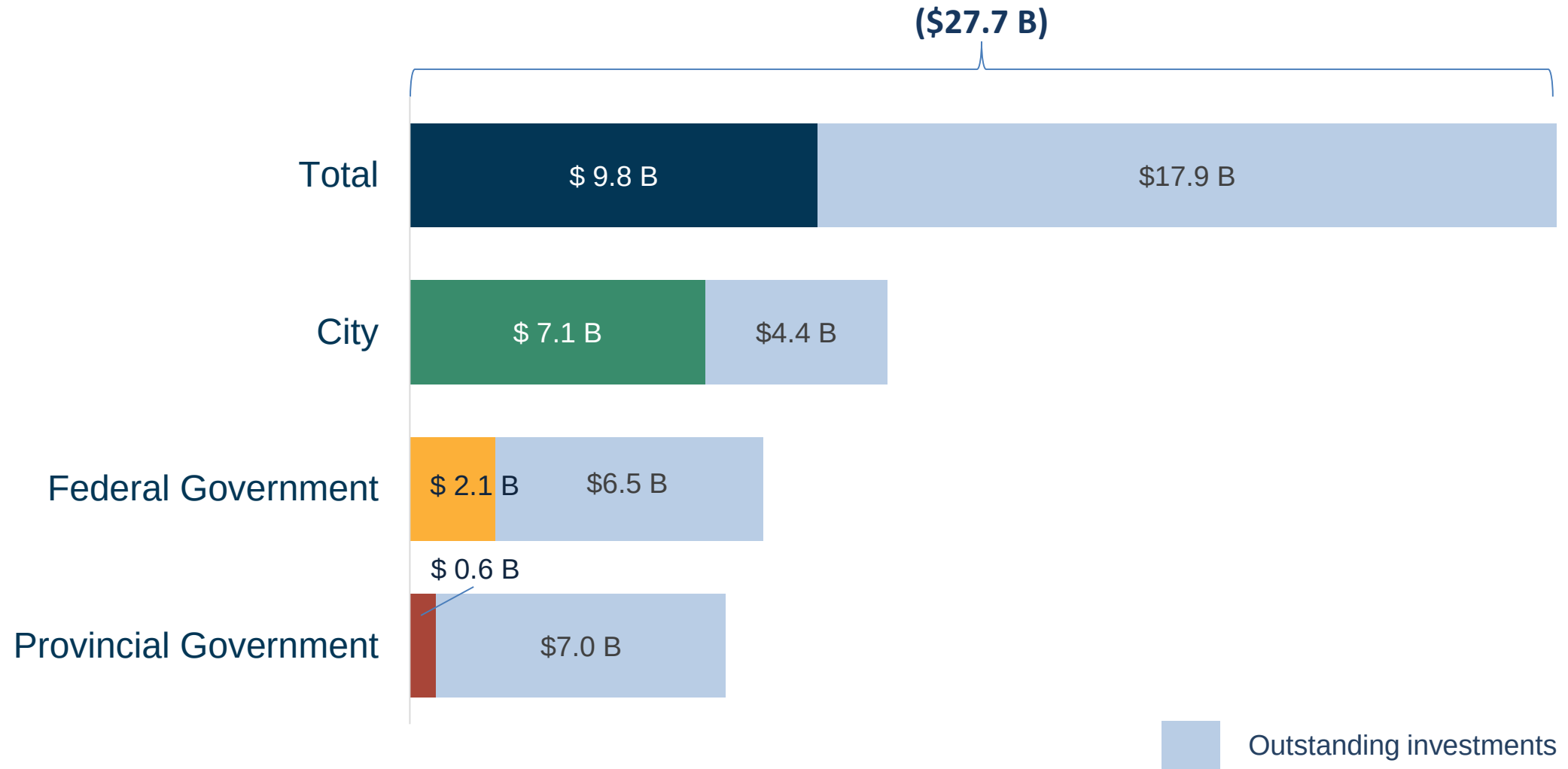
- The HousingTO Plan proposes 13 strategies and 76 actions to help over 341,000 households access and maintain good quality, safe, adequate, affordable housing options
- Major targets include:
 - approving **40,000** new affordable rental homes, including **18,000** supportive housing units
 - enhancing eviction prevention measures.
 - improving housing affordability for existing households.

HOW WILL IT BE DONE?

1. Adopt a revised "Toronto Housing Charter – Opportunity for All"
2. Enhance Partnerships with Indigenous Community Partners
3. Prevent Homelessness and Improve Pathways to Housing Stability
4. Provide Pathways to Support Women
5. Maintain and Increase Access to Affordable Rents
6. Meeting the Diverse Housing Needs of Seniors
7. Ensure Well-Maintained and Secure Homes for Renters
8. Support Toronto Community Housing and its Residents
9. Continue the Revitalization of Neighbourhoods
10. Create New Rental Housing Responsive to Residents' Needs
11. Help People Buy and Stay in Their Homes
12. Improve Accountability and Transparency in Delivery of Housing Services to Residents
13. Enhance Partnerships and Intergovernmental Strategy



Total estimated 10-Year investment required by all orders of government



2021-2022 COVID-19 Housing and Homelessness Recovery Response Plan

What the City of Toronto wants to accomplish

Create **3,000** permanent housing opportunities
(2,000 of which are intended to be supportive housing) through:



1,000 permanent modular homes



1,000 new units through acquisition, renovations and shovel-ready projects.

1,000 new portable (and flexible) Canada-Ontario Housing Benefits (COHB)

Highlight of Progress Made since 2020

Housing Commissioner

To support the goals of the Toronto Housing Charter, **City Council asked the City Manager to report back** on a role or function for a Housing Commissioner which would:

- independently assess implementation of the revised Toronto Housing Charter and the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan; and
- ensure that the City, within its legislative authorities, and through implementation of various programs and policies, is taking concrete actions to combat systematic housing discrimination and address systemic hurdles in the housing system.

**Auditor
General**

**Integrity
Commissioner**

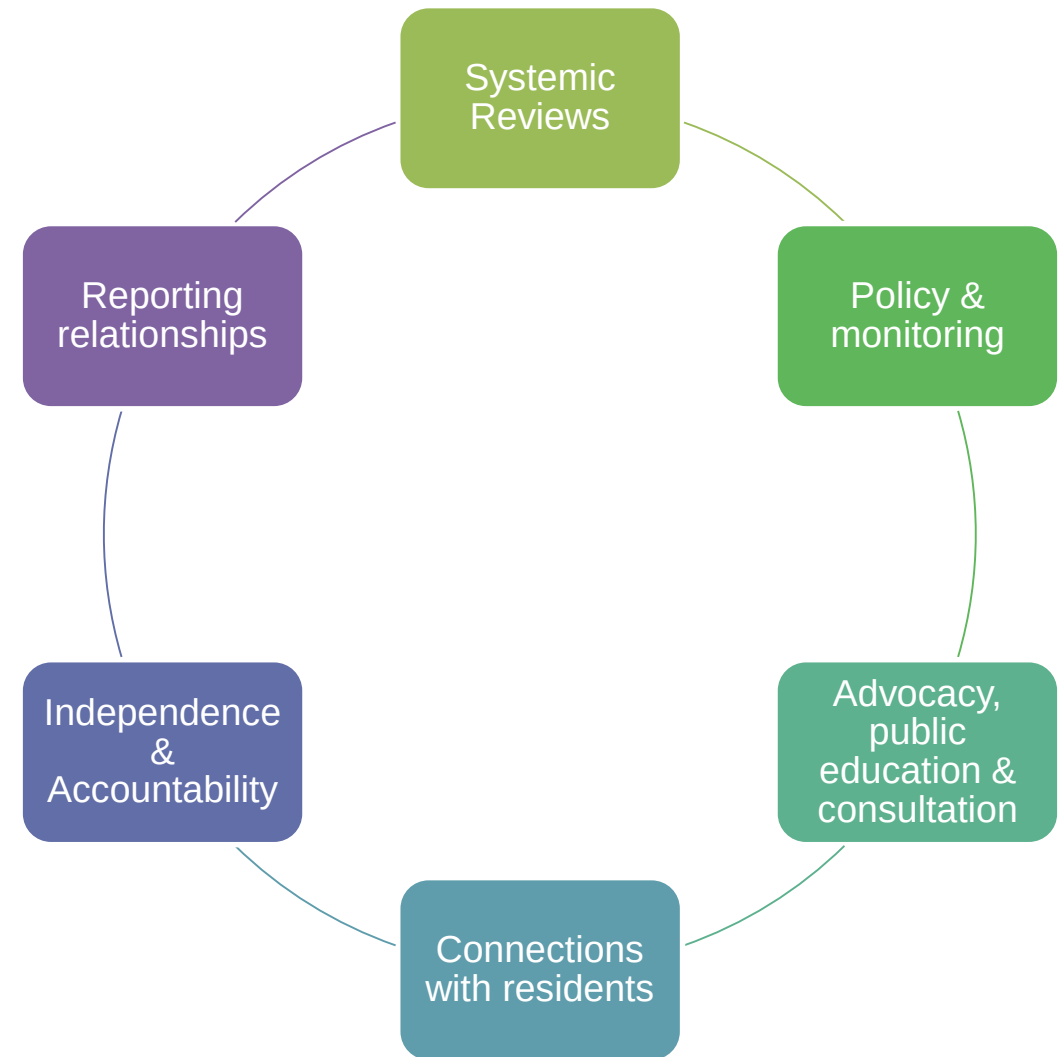
**Lobbyist
Registrar**

Ombudsman

Housing Commissioner

Consultants Review

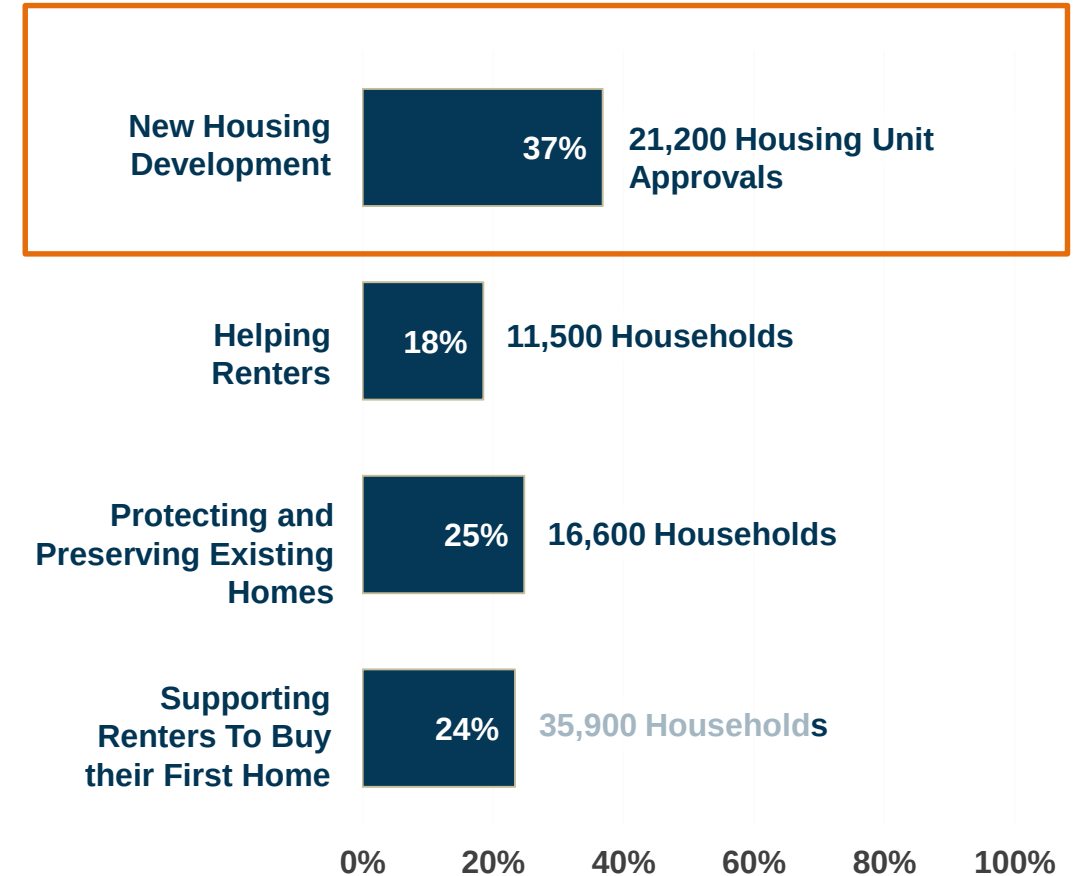
- To consider options for the role/function envisioned by City Council, the City Manager retained external experts to conduct research, governance review, and stakeholder engagement.
- A report from the external experts are anticipated this spring. The City Manager will report to City Council with his recommendations, upon consideration of the experts findings.



How we're progressing during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Completed modernization of 389 Church Street building to create 120, self-contained permanent homes for women and women-led households
- Opened the first two modular supportive housing buildings for 100 people experiencing homelessness
- Made significant progress on delivering the 24-month COVID-19 Housing and Homelessness Response Plan
- Made strong progress on advancing the Housing Now Initiative (which provides City-owned land to create housing)
- Entered into a partnership with United Property Resource Corporation to unlock the value of their real estate assets

Progress toward HousingTO Ten-Year Targets



How we're progressing during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Distributed the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to over 1,400 households

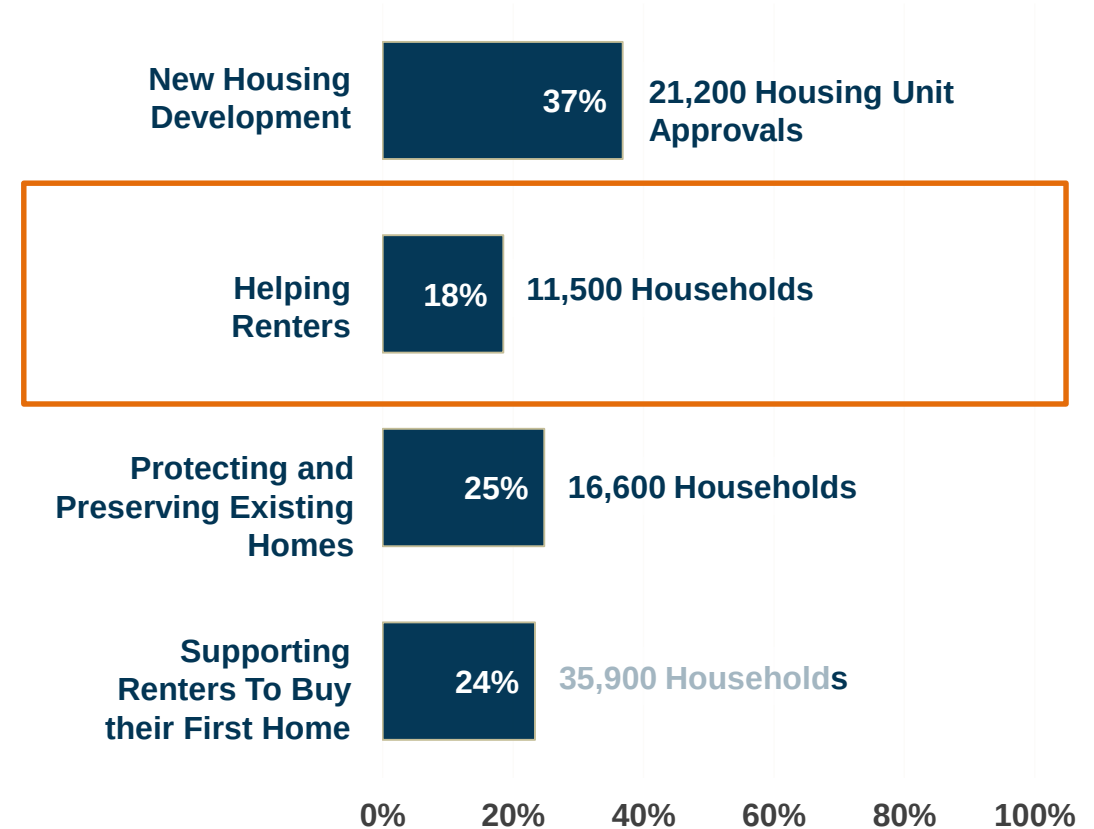
Assisted over 3,000 households through Eviction Prevention in Community and Rent Bank programs

Supported renters by establishing a permanent Tenant Advisory Committee on the Protection of Affordable Rental Housing

Launched a new renter hub on the City's website and created the City's first Eviction Prevention Handbook.

Advanced a new affordable housing definition linked to the income of low-and-moderate-income renters

Progress toward HousingTO Ten-Year Targets



How we're progressing during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Established a new Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition program in 2021

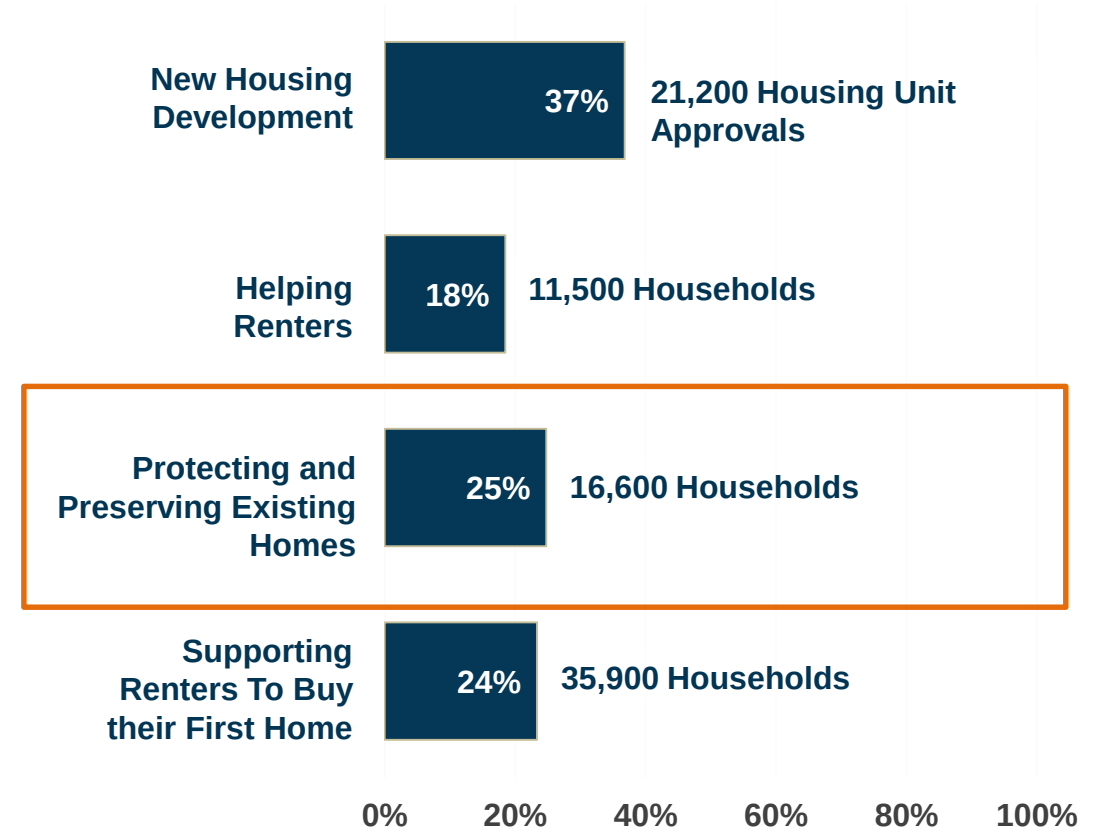
Provided \$3 million to the Kensington Market Community Land Trust to support the acquisition, renovation and operation of 12 affordable rental units

Made available \$13 million for retrofitting older apartment buildings

Transfer of over 600 single-family homes from Toronto Community Housing to the non-profit housing sector

Protected the affordability of 704 affordable rental homes to help preserve the City's access to the non-profit affordable rental stock

Progress toward HousingTO Ten-Year Targets



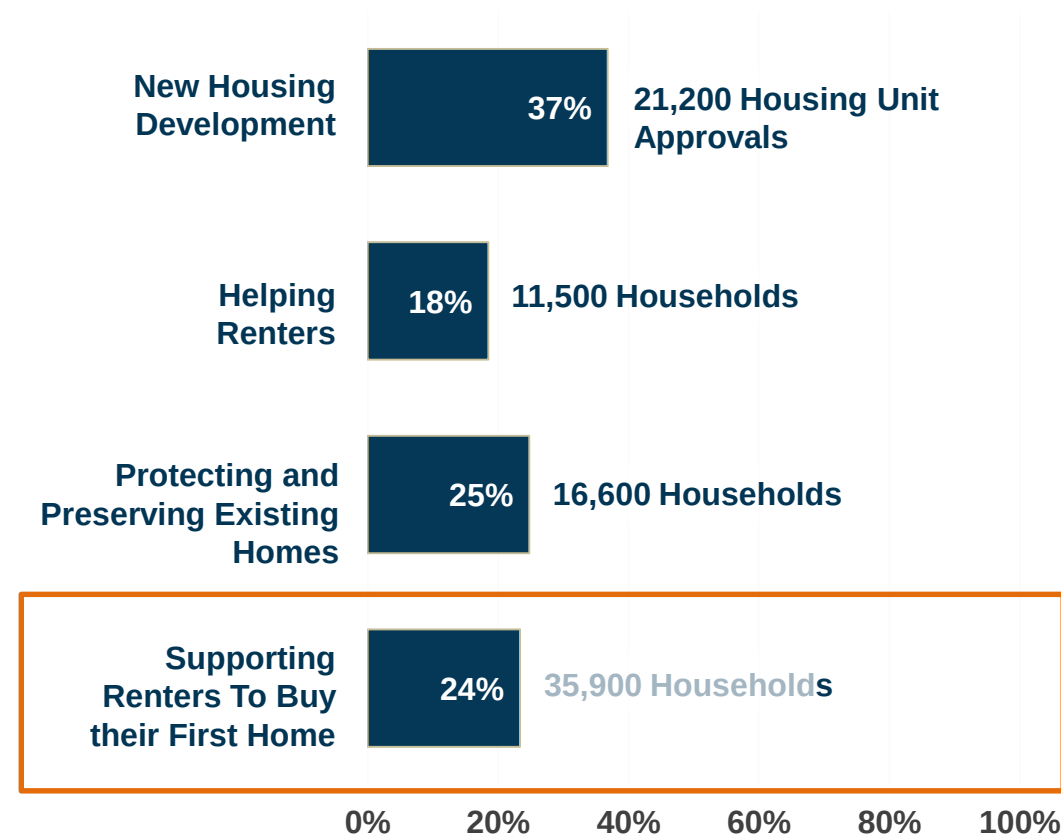
How we're progressing during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Assisted over 35,800 first-time home buyers by providing land transfer tax rebates.

A review of the City's affordable home ownership policy framework and program delivery model is underway including an equity and impact assessment, financial modelling, and analysis of program delivery models

Continues to seek federal and provincial investments to deliver new affordable homeownership opportunities particularly for racialized, equity-deserving communities such as Indigenous Peoples and Black people, as a way to address long-standing inequities.

Progress toward HousingTO Ten-Year Targets



Key Priorities for 2022 and 2023

01 Scale up the supply of housing including affordable homes

ADVANCING HOUSING NOW

Expected to deliver approximately 11,200 rental homes

IMPLEMENTING VACANT HOME TAX

This approves availability and affordability of housing supply

IMPLEMENTING INCLUSIONARY ZONING

Within Minister-approved Protected Major Transit Station Areas



02 Housing, equity and environment

- Prioritize action across the housing spectrum to increase housing opportunities for equity-deserving groups, including Black residents.
- Advance work on establishing a Housing Commissioner role or function.
- Support climate resilience through new and existing housing supply



03 Increase the supply of people-focused supportive housing

Complete delivery of the City's **24-month COVID-19 Housing and Homelessness Recover Plan** in partnership with federal and provincial governments



04 Help more renters

- Centralize resources to improve coordination and maximize outcomes for tenants
- Prevent the loss of existing housing supply
- Promote tenants' rights



05 Kick-off Housing Data Projects

Eviction Data and Trends

What is the extent of the problem with formal evictions?
How can the City collect and maintain evictions data?
What data gaps can be solved with data collection and sharing? How can informal evictions be captured?

City of Toronto Data Book

The purpose of the City of Toronto Data Book will be to provide a high-level assessment of the health of Toronto Housing System based on the HousingTO Plan outcomes.

Affordable and Supportive Housing Development Tracking and Public Reporting

The City must improve tracking and reporting on the progress of these projects with site-by-site information and project status. The public deserves to know where affordable and supportive housing projects are starting, how they're progressing, and when they'll be complete.

Housing Data Strategy

Outlining a multi-phased resource plan to ensure adequate capacities and competencies are available to achieve housing data strategy outcomes.

Thank You