

2021 SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION #2

National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy

Submitted by:

CHF BC Board of Directors

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WE RESOLVE:

THAT CHF BC urge the federal government to create and implement a National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy before the end of the current fiscal year.

THAT CHF BC actively seek opportunities to work with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association and other Indigenous housing organizations in support of this goal.

THAT CHF BC work with CHF Canada and other national housing associations to build support for this goal.

REASONS FOR THIS RESOLUTION:

1. CHF BC and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) are partners in Housing Central. AHMA is the umbrella organization for 42 Indigenous housing providers in British Columbia.
2. Indigenous people are disproportionately represented in the homeless population in British Columbia and across Canada.
3. Indigenous people experience core housing need in greater numbers proportionally than non-Indigenous people.
4. There is a limited diversity of housing options for Indigenous people that is sensitive to their cultural needs.
5. After the 2019 election the federal government promised to create and fund a National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy.
6. The recently announced federal budget did not include any provision for creating and funding a National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy.
7. The absence of resources in the federal budget for a National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy is inconsistent with a commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous people.

8. CHF BC and its members are committed to the principle of reconciliation with Indigenous people.
9. A commitment to reconciliation must include concrete action in support of adequately funded “for Indigenous, by Indigenous” housing strategies that meet the needs of Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous people.
10. The board is committed to working in solidarity with AHMA and other Housing Central partners and stakeholders and seeks the support and commitment of members to do the same.

COST:

The cost of implementing this resolution can be accommodated in the budget approved for the current fiscal year and in the budget approved for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2022.