# CANADA – ONTARIO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

**JULY 2006** 

#### PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Not A Rent-Geared-To-Income Program
- Intended To Create Units
- Program Target Groups
  - Working Poor, Seniors, Households On Social Assistance, Aboriginals, Mental Health Consumers
- Four Program Components

#### 1. HOUSING ALLOWANCE

- **\$864,000; 80 Units; 5 Years**
- Fixed Shallow Subsidy; Fixed Term
- Applicants From Registry List
- No Impact On Wait List Status
- Household Income Limit
- Rents At Or Below CMHC Average Rent
- Applicant Must Move To New Unit

#### 2. NORTHERN

- **\$4.2 Million; 210 Units; 20 Years**
- Available Only North Of French River
- Create New Units
- CMHC RRAP Like Program Option
- Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes, Shelters, Crisis Care Facilities Not Eligible

# 2. NORTHERN (Cont'd.)

- Rents At Or Below CMHC Average Rent
- Forgivable 20 Year Mortgage
- **\$20,000/Unit**
- Tenant Income Limits

#### 3. HOME OWNERSHIP

- **\$324,000; 45 Units; 20 Years**
- Optional Provincial Delivery
- Applicant Must Be Currently Renting
- Down Payment Assistance
- Applicant Income Limit (\$49,700)

# 3. HOME OWNERSHIP (Cont'd.)

- Maximum Purchase Price (\$165,000)
- Must Be Principal Residence For 20 Years
- If House Sold Or Rented, Full Mortgage Repayable Plus 5% of Gain
- Revolving Fund

## 4. RENTAL AND SUPPORTIVE

- Offered South Of French River
- Similar To Northern
- Create New Units
- No Allocation At This Time
- Forgivable Loans (\$70,000/Unit)
- Rents At Or Below 80% Of CMHC Rent

#### HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN (HDP)

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) Requirement
- Separate Plan For Each Component
- Confirms Acceptance Of Program Requirements

#### HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN (HDP)

- Overview Of Delivery Strategy
- Overview Of Delivery Framework And Policies
  - Eligibility
  - Project Selection Criteria
  - Municipal Contribution
- Identifies High Level Work Plan/Timing

#### MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Program Design, Inquiries, Responses
- Advertising/Marketing
- Applicant Interviews, Negotiations
- Application Review/Evaluation
- Legal Agreements, Title Searches
- Mortgage Loans, Administration
- Program Training, Compliance/Enforcement
- Regular Reporting To Province

#### PROGRAM COSTS VS BENEFITS

Municipal Program Delivery And Ongoing Admin Costs i.e. Staffing, Office Expenses, Legal, Advertising Etc.

#### **In Exchange For**

Program Capital Dollars And Affordable Housing Units

## PROGRAM COSTS VS BENEFITS

- Provincial Admin Funding Available
  - Not Intended To Cover Full Municipal Program Costs
  - Program Driven
  - Unit Sensitive
  - Time Limited/Front Loaded

#### **OPTIONS**

- OPTION ONE Deliver Housing Allowance & Northern Components Only
- OPTION TWO
  Deliver All Components
- OPTION THREE Decline Program

#### NEXT STEPS

- Council Selects Program Option
  - Option One Northern HDP Only
  - Option Two Northern HDP and Home Ownership HDP
  - Option Three No Submission

HDP Matching Option Is Submitted To MMAH For Approval

# QUESTIONS?