Nonprofit Housing Priorities for Municipal Governments

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1 Recognize the nonprofit sector as essential nonprofit infrastructure and a preferred partner in advancing Manitoba's housing and community development goals, strengthening the economy, and building healthier families and safer communities.

The nonprofit housing sector has a long-standing track record of providing safe, stable, and affordable housing across Manitoba. MNPHA and it's members understand the challenges facing the sector and are ready to work with all levels of government and partners to advance housing solutions.

How

Support policies and intergovernmental collaboration that reduce barriers, streamline processes, and recognize nonprofit housing as essential housing infrastructure. Align policies that impact the development, operations, and preservation of nonprofit housing.

2 Repair and modernize nonprofit housing to meet the needs of Manitobans today and for generations to come.

Deferred maintenance and insufficient reserve funding put affordable housing units at risk and increase pressure on homelessness and emergency systems.

70% of Manitoba's nonprofit housing is in fair condition, meaning it needs repair.

How

Support the preservation and modernization of existing nonprofit housing through coordinated planning, redevelopment policies, targeted investment, and streamlined permitting and approval processes for building upgrades. Work alongside the nonprofit housing sector to advocate for sustained provincial and federal investment in the repair, renewal, and preservation of nonprofit housing.

3 Advocate for consistent, long-term funding for supports within nonprofit housing and improve coordination across municipal departments and services to strengthen nonprofit safety and help prevent evictions.

Nonprofit housing is more than a door and four walls. It is home, community, and stability. Tenant supports help prevent eviction, reduce isolation, improve safety, and reduce reliance on high-cost emergency and institutional services.

How

Support services need partnership from police, bylaw, water and waste, nonprofit development, and fire paramedic services to be effective in supporting tenants. Municipalities can advocate for consistent, long-term operating funding for tenant supports, staffing, and safety measures within nonprofit housing.

4 Create 10,000 additional units of nonprofit housing by 2034.

Nonprofit housing is a long-term investment in healthier communities, neighbourhood revitalization, and economic development. Nonprofit housing is not the same as for-profit owned affordable housing; nonprofits maintain their mission and affordability beyond government and program cycles.

How

Support nonprofit housing development through coordinated planning, infrastructure investment, streamlined approvals, and access to redevelopment and municipal land opportunities. Build on initiatives such as the Housing Accelerator Fund and strengthen collaboration across all levels of government to help scale up non-profit housing development across Manitoba.

