

Sustainable Affordable Housing

Retrofit existing units or build new affordable housing for higher energy performance

Aging housing stock, rising energy costs and increasing demand for affordable housing have created a unique challenge for municipalities and other affordable housing providers working to build better lives.

Now in its 20th year, GMF enters a new chapter. Our new \$300 million initiative offers support to local affordable housing providers – including municipal, not-for-profit organizations and housing co-ops – to **retrofit existing affordable housing units, or construct energy efficient new builds that emit lower GHG emissions.**

Our new funding and learning resources can help your community achieve the following:

- Retrofit existing units or construct new affordable housing
- Generate triple bottom line benefits:
 - Reduce energy and GHG intensity
 - Increase energy and housing affordability
 - Improve building quality, and increase comfort, health and quality of life for residents

About the SAH offer

GMF offers support throughout the life cycle of an affordable housing construction project through five funding options:

- **Planning:** Early support to assist eligible housing providers to get started on achieving more sustainable affordable housing initiatives
- **Studies:** Assess the approaches needed to implement an eligible energy efficient pilot or capital project in detail
- **Pilot projects:** Test out a new or innovative approach on a small scale
- **Retrofit capital projects:** Complete the renovation of existing housing units with the installation of energy efficient technologies
- **New-build capital projects:** Construct new homes that are highly energy efficient

Read our [application guide](#) for details.

Planning Grant

Planning Grant } Grant for up to 80% of eligible costs } Up to a maximum of \$25,000 Planning grants are designed to assist Canadian housing providers to initiate more sustainable affordable housing projects in their communities. The ultimate goal of this offer is to help providers successfully develop outputs that may support applications for additional sources of funding for further development of energy efficient affordable housing projects, such as SAH's study grant or CMHC's Seed Funding. This grant is intended to support the initial planning phase of projects through a variety of activities and based on the needs of the applicant. Elements such as project initiation, needs assessment, financial assessment, stakeholder engagement, property evaluation, evaluation of energy efficient approaches, and other design considerations may be proposed by the applicant. Activities supported by the planning grant may include: } Project initiation: meetings, project scoping, work plan and timelines, background review, project visioning and goal setting; } Needs assessment: evaluating housing stock, resident support, preliminary review of building opportunities; } Basic financial assessment: review of current budget information, tasks and scope to assess magnitude of project costs and potential savings and funding sources; } Stakeholder engagement activities; } Support to identify qualified design consultants and contractors