

Affordable Housing Advocacy Goals:
Priorities for 2021/2022

2018 Approved Advocacy Goals	Refreshed Advocacy Priorities for 2021-2022
<p>1. Create a citizen-centric housing system that focuses on people’s needs and supports progress through the housing spectrum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and respond to implementation of the Government of Alberta’s Affordable Housing Review Panel recommendations including establishment of a provincial strategic plan for affordable housing, a tenant access portal for affordable housing and considerations related to asset transfer. • Identify the role of The City in better supporting the delivery of affordable housing for urban Indigenous Calgarians.
<p>2. All orders of government need to work together to create a strong network of non-profit housing providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to champion federal and provincial investment in the <i>COVID-19 Community Affordable Housing Advocacy Plan</i> which seeks to create 5,400 homes across the continuum including 600 homes for people exiting homelessness, within three years.
<p>3. Sustained, expanded and consistent capital funding is required to address deferred maintenance and increase the supply of non-market housing in Calgary from 3% to 6%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to ensure all funding streams of the National Housing Strategy (i.e. Co-Investment, Rental Construction Financing, Rapid Housing Initiative) effectively address key housing needs. Seek to prioritize grant-based funding over equity investments and loans. • Work with the federal government and CMHC on the 2021 round of the Rapid Housing Initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate with CMHC for adjustments to RHI criteria related to typology, operational funding and project risk. ○ Advocate with the Government of Alberta to engage in RHI and consider operational and program funding for supportive housing in units created with RHI capital funds. ○ Support Calgary’s non-market housing sector through RHI by reviewing and enabling City supports. • Advocate for provincial capital funding to enable delivery of The City’s 10 Year Affordable Housing Capital Development Plan.
<p>4. Support housing providers to transition to sustainable operating models with no net loss of high need households served.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Calgary Housing Company on the negotiation of operating agreements for provincially owned housing, and the transition to a predictable and sustainable financial model.