










The City of Calgary is supporting the affordable housing sector to collectively **increase the non-market housing supply** and **improve the housing system**. To meet the national average, Calgary would need to add 15,000 new affordable homes. **Affordable housing is integral to supporting a strong local economy and a prosperous city.**

Summary of 2018 Short-Term Targets

<p>1. Get the Calgary community building </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development & building permit approvals within 6 months 1,500 units <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All development approvals have met customized timelines 2,313 units 	<p>2. Leverage City land </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 parcels per year (2017-2018) <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 parcels (2017) 7 parcels (2018) 	<p>3. Design & build new City units </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 160 units delivered 110 in development <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 units delivered ~250 units in planning/design/development 10-year capital plan 
<p>4. Regenerate City-owned properties </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 redevelopments 2 lifecycle projects <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 redevelopments undergoing feasibility studies 200+ units repaired/renewed 	<p>5. Strengthen intergovernmental partnerships </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in 3 intergovernmental partnerships <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All levels of government partnering to implement affordable housing strategies 	<p>6. Improve the housing system </p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 programs for affordable housing residents <p>Actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program activities reached 1,000+ individuals One Window Initiative Participation in CHAC 

Recent Accomplishments

2017-2018 Non-Market Housing Land Disposition Program

City land value of \$6.4M will deliver ~160 new homes. This investment leveraged over \$30M in additional funding, capturing a 460% return.

Foundations for Home Community Development Program

The Home Program successfully improved outcomes for residents of affordable housing, reaching more than 1,000 individuals.

Affordable Housing Density Bonus

In 2019 April, the first affordable housing density bonus was approved for a project in the Beltline, which will deliver 22 affordable homes.



HomeSpace funding announcement.

New City-Owned Affordable Homes

In 2018 October, The City delivered 48 new affordable homes in Wildwood. Future developments are progressing in Bridlewood, Rosedale, Mount Pleasant, and Varsity.

Non-Market Housing Land Disposition Policy

In 2019 May, Council approved this policy to replace the former ad-hoc process of one-off sales with a predictable offering of land every two years to help grow non-profits.

Housing Incentive Program

Predevelopment grants and fee rebates are committed to support 2,313 new affordable homes, at an average incentive of \$3,585/unit.



Calgary's first affordable housing density bonus project with Cidex.

How Affordable Housing Helps Calgarians

Affordable housing is about people. People with hopes, needs, dreams, and the drive to succeed.

However, with market rental rates among the highest in Canada, it's difficult for some Calgarians to pursue their dreams while affording a place to live.

Here is how affordable housing is helping some residents work towards their future. [Watch their stories.](#)

Meet Lori

Lori left a difficult relationship, along with her son and daughter. It wasn't easy. Lori and her children arrived at a Calgary shelter seeking help.

Lori applied for assistance with the Calgary Housing Company and received an offer of a place to live three months later. Today Lori works at a non-profit society, where she uses her experience to help other women leaving similar circumstances. She is also saving up for her forever home. Lori's kids are thriving, getting involved in community activities and making friends.

"The best thing about affordable housing is looking around in the morning with my coffee, and my kids aren't scared," says Lori.



Meet Lana

Lana lives in affordable housing with her service dog MacGyver. Lana trained as a nurse and worked in Calgary as a real estate agent until Multiple Sclerosis forced her to stop. She uses a wheelchair to get around and is also legally blind. However, these challenges are no match for the tenacious spirit she developed playing basketball on Yugoslavia's junior national team, and her desire to make a difference.

Lana started knitting with her grandmother when she was five and continues to work her needles by muscle memory. She puts this skill to good use by knitting hats, scarves and mittens for homeless people, and giving them away around downtown Calgary. She also works with the Affordable Housing – Foundations for Home Community Development Program to get yarn and teach others. In her spare time, she plays wheelchair basketball, rugby and tennis.



Meet Tarek

Tarek immigrated to Canada from Lebanon in 2011 with his wife and two children, seeking a life where he can "have some peace and raise my kids in a good way." Tarek is a former banker who is unable to work due to Multiple Sclerosis. By 2014, Tarek's family could no longer afford to pay rent for a furnished apartment. They faced the real possibility of having to move back to Lebanon.

Tarek's family applied for affordable housing through Calgary Housing Company (CHC). CHC was able to find the family a comfortable townhouse with recently upgraded windows. In the future, Tarek hopes to own a house with a yard where his kids can play.

