

PROVINCIAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS

- To meet this commitment, Manitoba Housing provided funding toward the construction of 67 separate capital projects. Almost 75 per cent of those projects are now complete or underway. The remaining projects will start before the end of 2014.
- Of the 1,500 affordable housing units, 790 units have rent geared to income. The remainder of the rent-geared-to-income commitment (710 units) was met by making rent subsidies available to existing housing providers.
- Partnerships with other levels of government were essential to the plan. The federal government provided a share of the funding for 41 of the projects and municipalities contributed to 32 of the projects, usually in the form of land donations or tax relief.
- Projects were built in 28 different communities, as far north as Lynn Lake and as far south as Sprague.
- The smallest project was one unit; the largest was 102 units. The majority of projects were new construction, but 11 were renovations and six entailed conversion of non-residential space including an office building, a hotel, a church, two warehouses and a nursing home.
- For every \$1 the province invested, it leveraged another 54 cents from private investment, community fundraising and tenant equity. This investment is estimated to have generated the equivalent of one year of employment for 4,170 people.
- In addition to housing low- to moderate-income seniors and families, projects were specifically designed to help the following groups:
 - women leaving corrections,
 - student-led families including projects that specifically targeted Aboriginal families,
 - new Canadians,
 - Aboriginal families,
 - people with mental-health needs,
 - Aboriginal seniors,
 - people in recovery from addictions,
 - people with disabilities,
 - people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness,
 - female refugees at-risk,
 - Aboriginal families re-located from northern Manitoba for dialysis treatment, and
 - youth-at-risk.