

# The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa (ATEH) L'Alliance pour mettre un terme à l'itinérance

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Bruce House  
Canadian Mental Health Association –  
Ottawa  
Centre 454  
Centre 507 Drop-In  
Centre des services communautaires  
/Vanier Community Service Centre  
Centre for Research on Educational and  
Community Services, University of  
Ottawa  
Centretown Community Health Centre  
City of Ottawa, Housing Services Branch  
Community Legal Services Ottawa  
Centre  
Cooperative Housing Association of  
Eastern Ontario  
Cornerstone Housing for Women/Le Piliier  
Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter  
Housing Help  
John Howard Society of Ottawa  
Minwaashin Lodge/Oshki Kizis Healing  
Lodge  
Monfort Renaissance  
Monfort Renaissance Inc.  
Multifaith Housing Initiative  
Nepean Housing Corporation  
Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community  
Resource Centre  
Operation Come Home  
Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing  
Corporation  
Ottawa Community Immigrant Services  
Organization (OCISO)  
Ottawa Inner City Health Inc.  
Ottawa Inner City Ministries  
Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre  
Ottawa Salus Corporation  
Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health  
Centre  
Royal Ottawa Health Care Group  
Sandy Hill Community Health Centre  
Shepherds of Good Hope  
Somerset West Community Health  
Centre  
South-East Ottawa Community Health  
Centre  
St. Joe's Women's Centre  
St. Luke's Lunch Club  
The Ottawa Mission  
The Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre  
The Well/La Source  
Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health  
Western Ottawa Community Resource  
Centre  
YMCA-YWCA, National Capital Region  
Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa

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## Homeless Alliance: Kudos to Government of Canada

Kudos to the Government of Canada from the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa (ATEH) for extending **Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)** and the **Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Framework** in today's federal budget. It comes as a great relief to our members that the federal role in ending homelessness will extend beyond March in 2014 to March in 2019.

The 2013 Budget announced funding from 2014 to 2019 for:

- **HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY – \$119 million per year over five years** using a “*Housing First*” approach.
- **INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING** framework renewed – **\$253 million per year over five years.**

The current three year round of HPS funding goes to March 2014 at \$134.8 million per year. A five-year federal commitment will be a great help to local communities and may allow some time to adapt to the \$16 million reduction. Nonetheless, reduced funding could reduce the amount of housing and services that can be provided.

ATEH was also pleased to see \$100 million over two years to support the construction of housing in Nunavut and \$65 million over two years to more than double its reimbursement rate and to simplify the Funeral and Burial Program for Canada's veterans.

A number of Ottawa agencies have been moving forward on a comprehensive approach to Housing First working in partnership with each other and the City of Ottawa. The Housing First goal in Ottawa is to move people rapidly and successfully from shelters and the streets into stable housing while providing them with supports to be safely and stably housed including supports for underlying mental health or addiction issues.

In the coming months this community will definitely look forward to working the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development to confirm the implementation details of the HPS funding approach. HPS funding has been crucial in Ottawa efforts to end homelessness.

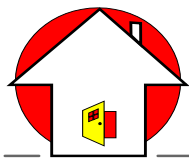
Over 2001 to 2014, **HPS will have contributed an average of \$5.6 million dollars per year, a total of \$67 million to Ottawa.** HPS helped **61 agencies\*** provide shelter and supported housing and services in Ottawa. A total of **426 contributions** have been made to Ottawa agencies since the funding was first announced in 1999.

In particular, it has been extraordinarily helpful that HPS allowed the community to be responsive to local priorities, allowing effective and timely projects to address our community's needs:

- *Developing new supportive housing*
- *Enabling small and large renovations for homelessness services*
- *Helping people find and stabilize in housing, and preventing housing loss*

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- *Providing health, outreach and support services, and*
- *Coordinating services in Ottawa to reduce homelessness*

The capital projects and service projects have helped a broad cross-section of Ottawa's most vulnerable residents including families and individuals with a low income, youth, Aboriginal peoples, victims of violence, seniors, refugees and people with physical or mental health disabilities. It is ATEH's firm belief that the wider community recognizes the importance of the gains made with HPS funding and sees it as an essential federal commitment to this community.

**Capital funding over this period resulted in the construction of 202 shelter/transitional units and 225 permanent supportive housing units in the city, including:**

- *12 shelter beds and 18 transitional units for the young men's shelter at Youth Services Bureau*
- *12 shelter beds and 18 transitional units for the young women's shelter at Youth Services Bureau*
- *40 supportive units at Ottawa Salus for adults with severe mental health issues*
- *42 units of supportive housing for 20 senior and 22 adult chronically homeless women at Cornerstone Housing for Women*
- *12 transitional units at Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter (Ecumenical)*
- *85 supportive units for men transitioning from the justice system through the John Howard Society*
- *26 hospice beds constructed at the Ottawa Mission*
- *3 supportive units built by Nepean Non-Profit Housing Corp, and*
- *10 residential treatment units at the Tungasuvvingat Inuit healing centre.*

**The prevention of housing loss is one of the most indispensable activities provided by HPS funding since its inception.** A number of Ottawa agencies collaborate to ensure residents who are in imminent danger of losing their housing get the support they need to prevent them from becoming homeless. Since the federal homelessness funding began, many thousands of Ottawa households have been assisted in their struggle to stay housed.

The Alliance to End Homelessness (ATEH) and its 43 member organizations have always valued the Government of Canada's contribution to this community's efforts to both end and prevent homelessness and ensure that Ottawa residents have access to safe housing they can afford in order to be as engaged as possible in their own community. **ATEH applauds the government for staying the course with the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and the Investment in Affordable Housing framework.**

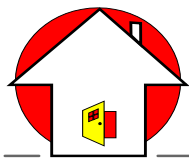
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**\* List of Ottawa agencies that received federal funding contributions over the 2001 to 2013 period through HPS program (previously known as SCPI, HPI).** HPS in Ottawa is administered through the City of Ottawa for either ongoing programs or one-time projects

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Abbeyfield Houses	Lowertown Community Resource Centre
Aboriginal Youth Non-Profit Housing Corporation	OMRA Shelter Alternatives Corp.
Action-Logement	Minwaashin Lodge / Aboriginal Women's Support Centre
Andrew Fleck Child Care Services	Montfort Renaissance
Blue Heron Cooperative Housing	Nelson House
Bruce House	Nepean Community Support Services
Centre for Addiction & Mental Health	Nepean Housing Corporation
Carlington Community Health Centre	Odawa Native Friendship Centre
Catholic Immigration Centre Ottawa Centre	Operation Come Home
Causeway	Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Centre 454	Ottawa Mission
Centre 507	Ottawa Salus Corporation
Centre Espoire Sophie	Pinganodin Lodge
Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation Rights in Accommodation	Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre
City Living	The Social Housing Registry of Ottawa
City of Ottawa	Rideau St. Youth Enterprises
Canadian Mental Health Association Ottawa Branch	The Salvation Army
Cornerstone Housing for Women	Sandy Hill Community Health Centre
Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter	South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre
Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa	Shepherds of Good Hope
Emily Murphy Non Profit Housing	St. Luke's Lunch Club
Families Matter Co-op	St. Joe's Women Centre
The Good Companions Centre	St. Mary's Home
House of Hope	St. Mathew's Harmony House
Housing Help	Tungasuvvingat Inuit
Ottawa Inner City Health, Inc.	Vanier Community Health Centre
Innercity Ministries	Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health
Jewish Family Services	The Well/La Source
John Howard Society	The National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA
Lifeline Centre for Addicted Survivors of Trauma	Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa