



July 18, 2022

**ALL FIRST NATIONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA REGION**

Attn: Chief and Council/Housing Manager

RE: Double Subsidy Funding for Housing Support Program – (HSP)

AND Call for New Multi-Plex Proposals – DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

I am pleased to inform you that Budget 2022 has announced additional funding to support housing on-reserve over a three year period. British Columbia (BC) Region will receive an additional \$97.6M for the next three years (fiscal 2022-2023 to 2024-2025) to support housing needs in BC First Nation communities in addition to the Budget 2021 funding.

Given this additional funding, we are doubling our regular subsidy levels and inviting BC First Nations to apply through the Housing Support Program (HSP) for the following:

1. New Home Construction and Renovations (including Health and Safety and regular renovations) – up to **double the current subsidy rate (NEW!)**. Rates will revert back to current subsidy levels April 1, 2025.
2. **NEW! Energy Efficiency Renovations** – in addition to other renovations, First Nations can apply for renovations that support energy efficiency upgrades, such as exchanging single-paned windows, heat pumps, weather stripping, etc.
3. **NEW! Multi-plex home construction** – First Nations can apply for new multi-plex home construction planned for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 at double the current subsidy rates. **Applications are due by September 30, 2022.** First Nations will be contacted for multi-plexes already approved in this fiscal year.

HSP applications for multi-plex construction projects are **due by September 30, 2022** to be considered for funding in 2022-2023 or 2023-2024. This September proposal call will allow for adequate project planning over the next year and ensure that these larger multi-plex projects can also be funded early in the upcoming fiscal year. If demand exceeds available funding, adjustments and prioritizing of projects may need to be made.



A subsequent call for proposals for multi-plex projects will occur in the Summer of 2023 for 2024-2025. Any multi-plex projects submitted after September 30, 2022 will be held until the next call for multi-plex project proposals.

BC Region will continue to process **Housing Support Project Applications** for renovations and new construction up to the double subsidy rate and energy efficiency renovations, until March 31, 2025.

All approvals are subject to available Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) funding and approved scope of project.

In addition to this call, BC Region will continue to process **Governance & Capacity Applications** that support the creation of housing policies and plans, as well as training/capacity development. There will be more information to come on funding to support for housing management in communities.

HSP applications are available on **Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council's website**:
<https://www.nautsamawt.org/practicalguidetohousingsupports>.

Please refer to the HSP application and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) attached for additional support or contact your Capital Management Officer or Housing Officer for more information on these changes.

We wish you continued success with your community housing program.

Sincerely,

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Encls: HSP Project Application
HSP FAQs



Double Subsidy Housing Support Program (HSP) And Call for Multi-Plex Proposals - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is eligible under the Double Subsidy Housing Support Program (HSP)?

First Nations have the opportunity to apply for up to double the regular subsidy levels for Housing Support Program (HSP) funding for the following:

- New Home Construction or Purchase (included tiny homes and small homes)
- Health and Safety Renovations
- **Energy Efficiency Upgrades**
- Regular Renovations

Housing Support Project double subsidy levels funding will range from to \$70,000 to \$142,000 per home for new construction, **energy efficiency upgrades** and health and safety renovations; half subsidy for regular renovations

2. What is eligible under the New Multi-plex Proposal for Housing Support Program (HSP)?

A Multi-plex is defined as three or more **attached** units and does not include tiny homes or where the project cost is less than the flat rate. New builds should be on already serviced lots. Costs are inclusive of inspection and site preparation costs.

A flat rate subsidy is provided towards new home construction or purchase for multi-unit construction, which includes site preparation and inspection costs. **For this proposal call, First Nations can apply up to double the flat subsidy amount:**

Zone 1 and 2	\$200,000
Zone 3	\$250,000
Zone 4	\$300,000

A subsequent call for proposals for multi-plex projects will occur in the Summer/Fall of 2023 for 2024-2025.

3. What is eligible under the New Energy Efficiency Renovations and how do I apply?

First Nations are eligible to apply for renovation funding using the HSP application, above the regular renovation amount for activities that support energy efficiency upgrades. The scope of work could include mechanical systems (heating/cooling, ductwork, insulation) and airflow/loss control (weatherstripping, doors, windows, roofing, etc.). Appliances, light fixtures and maintenance activities (duct cleaning, etc.) are ineligible activities. **The scope of work identified on the HSP application must clearly identify that it is energy efficiency related.** First Nations are encouraged to consider multiple homes or community wide initiatives that promote energy efficiency.

4. What about a housing project that was previously funded?



Communities can apply for additional funding up to the double subsidy rate for new construction or multi-units already funded in this fiscal year only. **HSP applications for renovations would require approved additional scope of work.**

5. How do I apply for the full double subsidy amount for regular renovations?

Subject to available funding at year end, First Nations may be eligible for reimbursement up to the full (double) subsidy amount for regular renovations on activities approved by ISC, if there is a 50-50 cost share over the half subsidy amount. Detailed project information and reporting will be required to show scope of work, cost estimates and actuals, using the Project Details/Reporting Tool on page 5 of the HSP application. This template to be used to outline scope of work and estimated costs per unit. The same template can be used to track actuals once the project is complete. One sheet per unit.

6. Are First Nations that have entered Funding Arrangements pursuant to Block Funded, Self-Government or Treaty, eligible for Double Subsidy HSP funding?

Self-Government and Treaty First Nations are not eligible for HSP funding and are subject to the terms of their respective Fiscal Financial Arrangement. Block Funded First Nations eligibility is subject to ISC BC Region's *"Access to Additional Capital Guidelines for Block-Funded Recipients"*. Grant recipients are eligible to apply. Priority may be given to First Nations that have not received additional capital as part of the funding agreement type.

7. How do I apply for the Double Subsidy Housing Support Program (HSP) or Multi-Plex proposal funding?

First Nations may use the regular Housing Support Project application. HSP application templates are available on the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council website <https://www.nautsamawt.org/practicalguidetohousingsupports> or by contacting your ISC BC Region Housing Officer.

8. What is the due date for the Double Subsidy Housing Support Program (HSP) and call for Multi-Plex proposals?

There is no due date for the HSP for renovations and new construction. Applications will be processed on a continuous basis at the double subsidy rate, which will be in effect until March 31, 2025.

In order to access the New Multi-Plex proposal double flat rate funding for multi-plexes, applications must be submitted no later than September 30, 2022. Any late Multi-Plex applications will be processed using regular flat rate subsidy levels.

9. Can ISC funding and BC Housing funding be combined for the same project?

ISC housing subsidies are intended to address justifiable needs and intended for dwellings on First Nations controlled land (reserve or crown land). ISC subsidies are approved subject to funding being available in the ISC regional housing budget and not intended for housing that can be financed by other means or to fund 100% (or large portion) of the total housing cost. You are encouraged to talk to your Housing Officer to determine if your housing project may be eligible for funding.



10. Reporting

Final Inspection Report – The final inspection report must be provided for each unit. The report must be dated and signed by a qualified inspector indicating BC Building Code compliance as well as his or her qualification level.

Project Details/Reporting Tool on page 5 of the HSP application can be used to outline scope of work and estimated costs per unit for renovations. The same template can be used to track actuals once the project is complete.

Final report for HSP is due on **June 30 of the year following when funding was received or as per the terms and conditions of your funding agreement.** Please see HSP Project Application for more details.

11. Where do I send my HSP application or get a copy of an application?

Completed application must be sent to: aadnc.housingbc-logementcb.aandc@canada.ca. Contact your Regional Housing Officer for more information on the HSP or for a copy of the application.

12. Who do I contact if I have questions?

Any questions should be directed to your ISC BC Region Housing Officer. The Practical Guide to Housing Support and application templates are available on the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council website <https://www.nautsamawt.org/practicalguidetohousingsupports> or by contacting your ISC BC Region Housing Officer.