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## **Governments of Canada and Yukon provide rental assistance for victims of violence**

Four Whitehorse organizations will receive rental assistance funding to help victims of family violence gain and maintain affordable housing. This funding is available through the Canada-Yukon Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement.

The rent supplement funding allows Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon and Blood Ties Four Directions to cover a portion of some of their clients' rent, thereby ensuring that more Yukoners will have safe housing.

Each organization will receive \$10,000 to help victims of violence access the rental market, which will reduce the pressures on waitlists for shelters and social housing programs. A total of \$40,000 will flow to these organizations between now and October 2018.

Yukon Housing Corporation is still accepting applications for the Victims of Violence Program, including funding for capital projects and housing-related programming.

### **Quotes**

"Our Government is providing Canadians not only with safe, affordable housing, but is also working hard to strengthen our communities. These new investments are another example of our Government's commitment toward ensuring that victims of domestic violence are able to enjoy a safe and stable environment."

*–Member of Parliament for Yukon Larry Bagnell*

"Our partners in the community – Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon and Blood Ties Four Directions – work hard to help Yukoners obtain affordable housing. With this funding, we ensure these four organizations are better equipped to help vulnerable people find and maintain a safe place to live."

*–Minister of Health and Social Services responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Pauline Frost*

### **Quick facts**

- Rent supplements are one way Yukoners can gain and maintain affordable housing. This is one of the objectives of the Housing Action Plan for Yukon.
- The Government of Canada is investing almost \$500,000 in Yukon to support the construction and renovation of shelters and transition houses for victims of family violence.
- The Government of Yukon, through the Housing Action Plan budget, is providing support for the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition's housing navigator to help vulnerable clients seek and obtain housing.

### **Learn more:**

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