

2018 Provincial Election Key Messages

WE NEED A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS

End chronic homelessness by 2025.

- Commit to meeting the provincial target of ending chronic homelessness by 2025.
- Designate a certain percentage of all National Housing Strategy resources to **programs, housing, and strategies that create permanent successful housing outcomes** for people experiencing homelessness.

Invest in affordable housing options.

Build **69,000 affordable rental homes** over the next 10 years, and extend the life of 260,000 community-owned rental homes.¹

Invest in housing supports and services for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

Increase **funding for supportive housing**, including Housing First programs that give consumers choice, consider gender equality, and ensure those experiencing homelessness are supported by **culturally relevant services** appropriate to their need, including Assertive Community Treatment and Intensive Case Management.

- Fund a minimum of 30,000 supportive housing units over the next 10 years.²
- Create a deeper portable housing benefit targeted at ending chronic homelessness, as part of or parallel to the upcoming Canada Housing Benefit.³

Recognize housing as a human right.

Recognize the **internationally-accepted human right to adequate housing** and ensure the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing in legislation, budgets, policies, and programs.⁴

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¹ Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association | Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (2018). *An Affordable Housing Plan for Ontario*.

² Wellesley Institute (2017). *A Supportive Housing Strategy for Mental Health and Addictions in Ontario*.

³ Evidence Exchange Network's Ontario Housing First Regional Network Community of Interest (2017). *A Portable Housing Benefit as an Indispensable Component of Ending Homelessness in Canada*.

⁴ Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (2018). *Discussion Paper: Ending Homelessness and the Right to Housing*.

