

# HOMEWorks!

*Creating stronger communities through housing solutions*

## Rejuvenating communities in Manitoba

**Investment Priority:** People and Places - HOMEWorks! priority investment areas

**Goal:** Sustain and improve existing social and affordable housing

**Federal/Provincial Investment:** \$19 Million

**Number of Households:** 7,623 Households in 42 communities

### **Additional Information:**

The Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada announced the third phase of joint federal-provincial funding of approximately \$19 million for renovations to social housing throughout Manitoba. The Province, with the financial assistance of the Government of Canada, has committed \$378 million over the past two years for housing initiatives in Winnipeg and across the Province.

Manitoba Housing is actively renovating and rejuvenating existing social housing in communities across Manitoba. The 7,623 renovated spaces will enhance housing quality and accessibility for low-income residents in 42 communities across the Province, and significantly extend the life of these structures.

Work ranges from exterior upgrades to complete deep refreshes of all living spaces, including, the replacement of exterior components such as roofing, siding, windows and doors, and interior components such as flooring, drywall, doors, kitchen and bathroom cupboards, counters and fixtures such as tubs, sinks and showers.

Manitoba Housing is using community forces as part of these large renovations, including Building Urban Industries for Local Development (BUILD), which includes a training program that hires workers who are interested in gaining family supporting jobs in the construction sector. BUILD strives to make housing more affordable and environmentally friendly by lowering energy and water bills.

Provincial funding is provided through HOMEWorks!, the Province's long-term housing strategy and investment plan.

Having a home is a key component to improving lives, building personal prosperity and improving communities. Investment in public housing assets supports community and economic development while stimulating the Manitoba economy.

Manitoba Housing has established partnerships with community agencies to combine important resources for tenants with the new physical upgrades.

**Status:** Will be completed by March 31, 2012.

