

## CMHC Funding for New Types of Housing Data and New Applications of Data

A Housing Supply Challenge proposal has been submitted by CDP Solutions Lab project team member Priority Decision Data Inc. It would complement and build on CDP Solutions Lab results in two ways if approved.

First, it would pull together a searchable comprehensive inventory of housing data. Second, it would work with a software firm to develop Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to “automate” some aspects of data analysis and presentation.

In addition to this specific follow-on proposal, the CDP team will have access to the full range of all Housing Supply Challenge applications to be able to assess patterns of housing data gaps and opportunities emerging from this source.

# The Government of Canada Launches its First Round of the Housing Supply Challenge

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Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. To help grow housing supply solutions, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, announced the launch of the first round of the Housing Supply Challenge today.

The first round, *Data Driven*, seeks solutions to address gaps in housing data which are often outdated, inconsistent and not openly available, making it more difficult to manage housing supply issues. Participants will create technology or methodology-based solutions to improve data collection, sharing, analysis and integration, thus improving decision-making on housing supply. This first round will disburse up to \$25 million to fund a variety of new solutions. The Data round aims to create long-term partnerships between data experts, housing experts, researchers, and communities, which will enable the creation of housing supply solutions.

The Housing Supply Challenge will be delivered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The *Data Driven* round begins today and will be open for applications until January 20, 2021.

Up to 25 Stage 1 applicants will be shortlisted and given \$100,000 in funding to support the development of their final submissions. Then, \$22.5 million will be shared among multiple solutions. Funding will be based on stage 2 submissions and will be tied to implementation milestones.

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/first-round-housing-supply-challenge>