



**Balanced
Supply
of Housing**

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Balanced Supply of Housing:
Funding Competition November 2023





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INTRODUCTION

The Balanced Supply of Housing (BSH) Node is a CMHC-SSHRC funded partnership grant that brings housing researchers and community organizations together to explore affordable and non-profit solutions to the housing crisis. The node funds research with a focus on two thematic areas: 1) Reshaping the Financialization of Housing, and 2) Innovating in Responsive Land Use Practices. The node focuses on these issues within the CMAs of Vancouver, British Columbia; Toronto, Ontario, and; Montreal Quebec.

There are two BSH Node funding streams. The first funding stream is for community-based projects (up to \$15,000) that focus on a single CMA. The second stream is for comparative projects (up to \$35,000) that focus on at least two CMAs.

Our final funding call is open and will close on November 15th, 2023.

There is a maximum funding envelope of \$100,000. Proposals are invited from across academic disciplines (science and humanities) and across the non-profit housing sector in the three CMAs.



ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available to joint teams comprising at least one BSH Node co-investigator and one non-profit community partner. Applications can also include an industry partner (e.g., an architecture firm, or property management company) but at least one of the partners needs to be a non-profit organization.

Applicants who receive funding are welcome to re-apply for additional funding to further support their research. Previous applicants that did not receive funding are also welcome to apply.

Please reach out to hrc.coordinator@ubc.ca for guidance on your proposal, or any questions.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Comparative Project Funding

Comparative Projects are meant to examine issues that are relevant in at least two of the three priority regions: major urban areas in Quebec, Ontario and/or BC. Projects will be eligible for BSH Node funding if they meet the following criteria:

- Responds to at least one of the five categories of harmful outcomes below:

1	Inequalities in housing wealth and debt accumulation
2	Mismatch between housing costs and local earnings
3	Gentrification, displacement, community opposition to certain forms of housing, and the filtering of housing markets
4	Precarity of tenure for renters, and a worrying rise in evictions
5	Population ill-health

- Generates deliverables that contribute to the Gap Analyses and Policy Solutions Database, by which our BSH Node will synthesize findings from across the individual projects, in addition to contributing to specific knowledge mobilization priorities for our community partners.
- For projects related to First Nations and Indigenous peoples and communities, meets the requirements of an Indigenous Ethics Review.

Academic or Community partners can co-lead these projects, but at least one project lead must be an Academic BSH Node co-Investigator to receive a lump-sum transfer of funds, as per Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council protocol.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Community-Focused Project Funding



Funding for Community-focused Projects is intended for limited-scale, local projects that address the immediate research priorities of Community Partners within the BSH Node's Thematic Areas. Community-focused projects must identify which Thematic Area they are submitted. Ideally, these projects will have an immediate impact on their community and will provide a mechanism for the immediate release of research data and findings.

Community-Focused Projects will be eligible for BSH Node funding if they meet the following criteria:

1	Inequalities in housing wealth and debt accumulation
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BLACK/INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR PROJECTS PRIORITIZED

The BSH Node recognizes that Black/Indigenous and people of colour (BIPOC) community members disproportionately experience housing insecurity and other forms of harm resulting from systemic racism in the housing system. In recognition of this systemic racism, research and policy development must both address the experience of BIPOC community members and also empower BIPOC academics, professionals, organizations, and community members to take leadership roles in research and policy development projects. In a conscious effort to support the work of BIPOC academics, professionals, organizations, and community members, BSH funding will be prioritized to research projects that:

1. Are BIPOC member led
2. Include BIPOC members in core leadership team
3. Focus research on the experiences of BIPOC communities

Please note that if a project is not BIPOC member-led, proposals seeking priority should clearly commit the project to support the BIPOC community and hire BIPOC members to conduct work. Projects will only be prioritized if they are genuinely undertaken with BIPOC communities having ownership through meaningful roles in project leadership and staffing. Prioritized projects must meet the criteria of the funding stream to which they are submitted.



WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

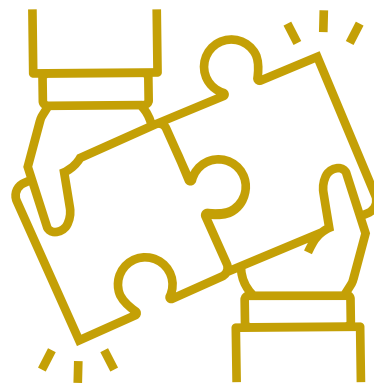
The BSH Node has created a working document that outlines [ethical guidelines for collaboration with Indigenous communities.](#)

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Project Period: All project proposals will be vetted and recommendations on their funding made through one of the two Working Groups created to correspond to each Thematic Area. The BSH Node's Central Coordinating Committee will make final approval. Approved projects must go through a corresponding University's Research Ethics Review process if applicable. All projects must begin and end within a 24-month period. Reasonable extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 1: PROJECT TITLE AND APPLICANTS

Section 1 outlines the applicants. Principal applicants can be either an academic or community partner. SSHRC mandates that project funding must go to an eligible post-secondary institution so at least one of the BSH Node co-investigators must be named on the application. A non-profit community partner must also be named on the application.



SECTION 2: TYPE OF PROJECT, DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT

Section 2 asks for further project details. The project description must include a summary of the project purpose, goals and objectives, background and previous work completed, research questions and methods.

SECTION 3: BUDGET INFORMATION

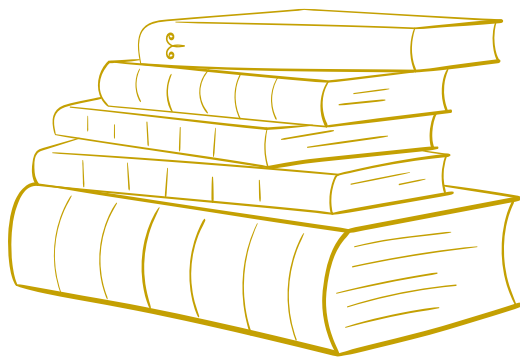
A detailed budget is requested in Section 3. Please provide salary justification and a breakdown of work. Try to balance spending on student and non-student salaries when possible.



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SECTION 4: PROJECT WORKPLAN

A breakdown of project activities should be provided in section 4 which outlines the key project tasks and deliverables.



SECTION 5: REFERENCES (OPTIONAL)

Academic references can be attached to the final section of the application.



EVALUATION PROCESS

All applicants that meet the basic criteria (as described within this document) will be forwarded to the appropriate BSH Node Working Group for review. Working Group members rate applications on a 4-point scale:

- 0 – Do not fund
- 1- Revise and resubmit
- 2- Fund at a lower amount
- 3- Fully fund

All working group scores are compiled, and the average score and comments are shared with working members. A working group meeting will be scheduled within 4 weeks of the application deadline. At the working group meeting members will review the average application score and come to an agreement on the final application score and key recommendations. Working group members who are listed on an application are not involved in the evaluation process.

Once the working group has come to a final decision on an application the results will be relayed back to the principal applicant and their team.

- Fully funded applications (Score of 3) can expect to receive their funding once subgrant or RPIF forms are complete, and signatures granted (approximately 1-2 months).
- For applications that receive a score of 2 (fund at a lower amount) the working group will propose an appropriate funding level, and if this is accepted by the applicant the sub-grant transfer will occur. If the applicant feels that the original budget is appropriate they have two weeks to submit an updated budget and justification for the higher funding amount. The subgrant process will begin once quorum (50%+1) of the working group has approved either the suggested amount, or updated budget.
- Applications that receive a score of 1 (revise and resubmit) will be given one month from the day they are emailed with the working group's decision to resubmit their application. The working group has 2 weeks to review the revised proposal. Revised proposals that receive a score of 3 (fully fund) will be approved once quorum is reached (50%+1) and the subgrant/RPIF transfer process will begin.

Project Outcomes

All Balanced Supply of Housing (BSH) Node-funded projects are required to provide a report on the work undertaken during the 1-year funding period. A link to the project report form will be sent to researchers at the end of year one.



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