

Platform Commitment Implementation Option

Context

- In May 2019, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs released its report “Moving Towards Ending Homelessness Among Veterans”.
 - Two of the 10 recommendations called for new supports for Veterans including rent supplements and ensuring homeless Veterans needs are addressed (i.e. projects receive funding) under CMHCs National Housing Strategy.
- In June 2019, a Private Member’s Motion regarding Veteran homelessness received all party support. The Motion called for a plan to end Veterans Homelessness by 2025 be submitted to the House of Commons by June 2020. ESDC was identified as the lead department with support from VAC.

Platform Commitment

“To address veterans’ homelessness, we will move forward with building new, purpose-built accessible and affordable housing units, with a full range of health, social, and employment supports for veterans who need extra help. We will support this work with an additional investment of \$15 million a year.”

Considerations

- CMHC makes capital funding available for supportive housing projects; \$15M per year over 4 years was estimated by CMHC to support between 140-450 housing units
- High likelihood of ongoing pressure to continue new builds and maintain them after the 4 year funding window
- VAC has no expertise, experience or infrastructure to administer/manage a capital housing development program

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