



# Housing Needs Reports

## Provincial Requirements

- Local governments are now required to develop housing needs reports.
- These reports will help local governments and the Province better understand and respond to current and anticipated housing needs in communities throughout B.C.
- The first housing needs reports are required by **April 2022**.
- The requirements entail collecting data and preparing a report outlining current and projected housing needs; publicly receiving and publishing the completed report; and considering the most recent report when developing an OCP or RGS.
- Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/local-governments-and-housing/policy-and-planning-tools-for-housing/housing-needs-reports>

## Data for Housing Needs Reports

- Nearly all the data that local governments are required to collect is available **for free** at: <https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/group/housing-needs-reports>
- This includes data from BC Assessment, BC Housing, BC Stats, CMHC and Stats Canada.
- This data can be supplemented by other sources, including local government data, and the results of community surveys and public engagement.

## Funding Program

- \$5 million in funding, administered by UBCM, supports local governments to meet the requirements: <https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/housing-needs-report-program.html>
- The next application deadline is **October 16, 2020**. Based on available funding, this could be the last intake for this program.
- Note that the Northern Development Initiative Trust also has a complimentary funding program, available to local governments in its service region.

## Questions?

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