

It impacts everyone!

Social housing units are few and far between.

The government hasn't constructed any new low-cost housing since 1994 and it only invests minimally in new housing co-ops or in new non-profit housing.

Social housing is even more vital in a context in which private developers are barely building any rental units and prices in existing units are increasingly expensive.

For households currently living in social housing, as well as for those who may need social housing in the future, **FRAPRU demands that the federal government immediately commits** to the continuation of federal funding for existing social housing.

To find out more...

If you're a tenant in non-profit housing, you can join your local housing committee to find out more.

Talk with your neighbours and at your next general assembly. Keep an eye on your local newspaper to stay informed of upcoming activities on the issue.

To talk about your specific co-op or non-profit housing initiative, or to participate in FRAPRU's campaign, which **demands that federal funding for existing social housing units be maintained**, contact your housing committee:

YOUR HOUSING COMMITTEE

To find out more:
defendonsnoslogements.ca

CO-OPERATIVES and NON-PROFIT HOUSING

Tenants at risk!

Do you live in a housing co-op that was built between 1978 and 1986 with federal subsidies? Is your rent -- or perhaps that of your neighbours -- subsidized?

Did you know that the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)'s financial support, which goes towards reducing the cost of rent for tenants with limited incomes, won't last forever and may end very soon?

This will have an impact on you!



The problem

Your housing co-op or non-profit housing initiative receives financial support from the federal government.



It's likely that this long-term funding is used exclusively to reduce the rent paid by low-income households, so that this rent corresponds to their financial capacity. This is also known as rent-geared-to-income subsidies, or last-resort assistance.

Co-ops and non-profit housing units have been receiving these subsidies for 30 or 35 years, but they will expire when your building's mortgage ends. It will be a tough blow for many households. In buildings in which federal subsidies have already drawn to a close, **tenants have been faced with rent increases of \$200 a month...**

All individuals and families who, to date, have had reasonably priced housing, risk finding themselves with substantial rent increases.

Some may even be forced to move.



...a few numbers

Other types of social housing will be affected by the end of federal funding.

All low-cost housing buildings will be hit, as well as co-ops and non-profit housing.

In all, 127 000 housing units will be affected. This is equivalent to 85% of all social housing units in Quebec.

Most of these units house tenants with very limited incomes.

Buildings that have aged

Since housing co-ops and non-profit housing buildings are many decades old, many are in need of major renovations, which are often very expensive. To respond to these needs, co-ops and non-profit housing organisations created replacement reserves. In many cases, however, these reserves aren't sufficient for necessary repairs to be done in a timely way. **As a result, these buildings and apartments are deteriorating,** to the detriment of the tenants' living conditions and to the lifespans of the buildings themselves.

Why doesn't the federal government simply establish a **program allowing co-ops and non-profit housing initiatives to restore their buildings,** as was the case from 2009-2011?

