

## 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...

As a tenant in a housing co-op or 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](http://defendonsnoslogements.ca)

CO-OPERATIVES and NON-PROFIT HOUSING

# Will Ottawa walk out on you?

**You live in a housing co-op or a non-profit housing initiative that was built between 1986 and 1994 with the Private Non-Profit Program (PSBL-P). Do you pay 25% of your income towards your rent?**

**Did you know that the federal government contributes to reducing the cost of your rent and that this financial support won't last forever?**

**This will have an impact on you!**



## The problem



Even though they're the responsibility of the *Société d'habitation du Québec* (SHQ), 75% of the funding for the co-ops and non-profit housing initiatives that were established within the PSBL-P program comes from the federal government.

It's this funding that allows your rent – and that of your neighbours – to be equivalent to the rent you would pay in a low-cost housing unit (HLM).

The problem is that the federal government has only committed to this funding for a 35-year period, which corresponds to the duration of your building's mortgage.

**This funding could come to an end in the coming years.**



## What will the Quebec government do?

The end of federal funding will mean that the Quebec government, which currently funds only some the costs of your co-op or non-profit housing initiative, as well as that of HLMs, will be stuck with the whole bill.



At first it won't be too bad, but **as the years go by these costs will eventually reach 130 million dollars,**

according to the SHQ's evaluation.

Will Quebec agree to foot this bill by itself? Or will it want to share these costs with

the low-income tenants who live in these units? Will this translate into a rent increase? If so, by how much?

This is all very worrisome, but it could be avoided if **the federal government would simply maintain its financial support of social housing. It has the means of doing so.**

## ...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 housing 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.

