

2012 Policy Resolutions

Progress Update - July 2012

Multi-stakeholder Co-operative Legislation

6 co-ops have incorporated under the multi-stakeholder co-op model since the legislation passed in June 2011. The Province has 3 co-op developers actively educating and supporting groups interested in the multi-stakeholder co-op model.

Co-operative Development Tax Credit

The Province continues to fund a tax credit outreach position within the co-operative sector. Since October 2010, MB co-ops have contributed \$173,000 which provides small grants and technical assistance to new and expanding co-ops.

Affordable and Social Housing

The Province has committed to the development of more than 1,000 affordable housing units as part of its commitment to deliver 1,500 units by 2014.

Co-operative Housing Development

Planning is underway for a co-op housing policy forum to take place September 28 where policy and financing options for co-op housing development can be established and integrated into a provincial co-op housing strategy.

Capacity Building Supports for Housing Co-operatives

Planning is underway for a co-op housing policy forum to take place September 28 where capacity building supports for co-op housing development can be established and integrated into a provincial co-op housing strategy.

Multi-year, multi-program funding and integrated reporting mechanism for community-based non-profits that employ the CED model

The Province has essentially completed implementation of the pilot strategy to establish multi-year funding agreements and consistent reporting templates, and has significantly expanded participation to approximately 135 organizations provincially.

Ensure Basic Assistance Rates Meet Basic Needs

CCEDNet worked with members and other allies to advocate for this resolution leading up to Budget 2012. CCEDNet continues to work with Make Poverty History Manitoba and Right to Housing to mobilize allies in support of raising the EIA Housing Allowance.

Enhancing Education and Training Opportunities for Social Assistance Recipients

CCEDNet brought this resolution to a meeting with senior provincial staff and is working with relevant stakeholders to identify specific training/education programs this resolution will allow EIA recipients to access.

Tax Credit in Support of Social Enterprise

At least 2 provincial staff members are available to respond to inquiries about the tax credit, and provide technical support to those who are interested in using it. They have been monitoring its use and developing amendments as necessary to ensure its effectiveness.

Reducing Utility Bills While Creating Economic Opportunities for Low-Income Manitobans

The Energy Savings Act received Royal Assent on June 14, 2012. CCEDNet will continue to work with members and allies to ensure all components of this resolution are achieved through the regulations of this Act