

## 2008 Evaluation Study of the Federal Renovations Assistance Programs

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Canada's federal housing agency, is evaluating rehabilitation assistance programs delivered by CMHC and through federal/provincial/territorial cost-sharing agreements. These programs include Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP), the Emergency Repair Program (ERP), RRAP for Persons with Disabilities, Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence (HASI), RRAP for Rental Dwellings, Rooming Houses, Conversions and Garden/Secondary Suites, and provincial variations. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the program is known as the Provincial Home Repair Program, and in New Brunswick, the Federal/Provincial Repair Program. The evaluation focuses on the rationale for the programs, who they are serving, how well they are working, the resulting impacts and their cost-effectiveness.

R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. has been contracted by CMHC to conduct the RRAP evaluation. The RRAP evaluation process undertaken by R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. includes a series of surveys with homeowners, occupants and landlords of RRAP funded projects, inspections conducted by occupational therapists of renovation projects funded through RRAP for Persons with Disabilities and HASI, and a survey of delivery agents, CMHC staff and senior officials. Homeowner, occupant and landlord survey participants have been selected at random from all individuals who have received funding through CMHC for rehabilitation or to make modifications for accessibility of their dwelling. All survey and interview participants may be contacted by R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. by telephone, mail or email during the evaluation.

### **List of Programs Included in this Evaluation**

#### *Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program*

Provides financial assistance to low-income homeowners for mandatory home repairs that will preserve the quality of affordable housing.

#### *Emergency Repair Program*

Provides financial assistance to help low-income households in rural areas, for emergency repairs required for the continued safe occupancy of their home.

#### *Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities*

Provides financial assistance to allow homeowners and landlords to pay for modifications to make their property more accessible to persons with disabilities.



*Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence*

Provides financial assistance for minor home adaptations that will help low-income seniors to perform daily activities in their home independently and safely.

*Rental Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program*

Provides financial assistance to pay for mandatory repairs to self-contained units occupied by low-income tenants.

*Rooming House Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program*

Provides financial assistance to pay for mandatory repairs to rooming houses occupied by low-income tenants. This program is available in both rural and urban areas.

*Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Secondary/Garden Suite*

Provide financial assistance for the creation of a Secondary or Garden Suite for a low-income senior or adult with a disability — making it possible for them to live independently in their community, close to family and friends.

*Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Conversions*

Provides financial assistance for the creation of affordable housing for low-income households by the conversion of non-residential properties into affordable, self-contained rental housing units or bed-units.

More information about these programs can be found on CMHC's website using the following link: <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/>.