

- (2) A Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program under which federal funds are available from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to assist in the improvement and repair of sub-standard dwellings. This aid is available to home-owners earning \$11,000 a year or less, landlords who agree to rent controls, and non-profit corporations and co-operatives. The program applies to home-owners and landlords in areas participating in the Neighbourhood Improvement Program; in other areas through special agreements with provinces; and to non-profit corporations and non-profit co-operatives in any area.

The National Housing Act also provides assistance through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the development of new communities either by way of cost-sharing arrangements agreed on between federal and provincial governments or by way of loans and certain "forgiveness" elements to the provinces or their designated agencies. CMHC may participate in the acquisition of lands for the new communities, including lands for transportation corridors and open space in or around the communities, the planning of the communities and the design and installation of services in them. A "new community" is an area of planned urban growth having all the facilities of a self-contained community. Spatially separated from an established community, it may be independent in its economic base or integrated with an existing urban centre.

To stimulate good housing design and to encourage further research on urban planning, the CMHC supports the Community Planning Association of Canada, the Canadian Housing Design Council and the Canadian Council on Urban and Regional Research. These three groups, though separate in organization and aims, serve as a focal point for many private and university programs being carried on in Canada. They also serve as a clearing-house for the exchange of information and research data.

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