Call for Research Proposal: Off-Reserve indigenous Housing Needs and Challenges in Canada.

1. Who we are:

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The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is the national voice of off-reserve status and non-status Indian, Métis, and Southern Inuit Aboriginal Peoples. It is one of the five National Indigenous (representative) Organizations recognized by the Government of Canada and it represents the interests of its provincial and territorial affiliate organizations. CAP advocates for inclusive policies to reduce disparities and improve socio-economic conditions of its constituency.

2. Project Background and Overview

CAP advocates for adequate housing conditions in order to promote improved socio-economic outcomes of off-reserve Aboriginal peoples. CAP has been actively advocating in the housing sphere for years, noting concerns for off-reserve Indigenous members as early as 2004. To support and advance this advocacy work, CAP has undertaken or participated in a range of engagements, projects, Federal Government initiatives, working groups, and symposiums intended to identify relevant policy and program, gaps, needs implications, and recommendations.

The proposed project will build CAP’s capacity and knowledge base. It will provide support to inform CAP’s research and policy objectives in the area of off-reserve indigenous housing.

The purpose of this literature review is to address the following research and policy inquiries:

1. What is the current housing situation for off-reserve Aboriginal people across Canada based on most recent data, including affordability, adequacy, suitability, accessibility, satisfaction, subsidized housing access, crowdedness, tenure, core housing need, and shelter-cost-to-income-ratio, among other dimensions?

2. What are the gaps between off-reserve Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people in the area of Housing and as it relates to other relevant areas such as Health, Education, Languages, and Labour Force Participation?

3. What are the direct and indirect correlations or causations between housing and socio-economic outcomes, broadly, and, where evidence exists in the literature, for Aboriginal people? These socioeconomic dimensions include education participation, attendance and attainment; labour market participation; income; health; and language.

4. Are these direct and indirect correlations reflected in most recent Census data, and potentially other data, related to off-reserve Aboriginal people and housing in Canada?
5. What are some initial recommendations flowing from these data-driven findings, potentially including recommendations related to adequacy and availability of housing stock off-reserve?

6. What is the range of potentially applicable and published recommendations from organizations, agencies, providers, tables, bodies and municipalities across the off-reserve Aboriginal housing, short-term shelter and social housing landscape, especially related to culturally responsive and holistic approaches (like socially inclusive housing and a housing continuum), increasing housing stock, housing affordability, and addressing the off-reserve population in core housing need?

7. What are some potential next steps for further data-driven research to deepen understanding of the off-reserve Aboriginal housing gap, needs and potential solutions?

3. Methodology

This research will include a comprehensive review of the existing literature on the topic. Preference should be to peer-reviewed and methodologically sound documentation, especially as it relates to identifying correlations between housing and socio-economic outcomes and related appropriate methodologies and data analysis approaches. In addition, the review will also include grey literature. Literature sources might also include government reports produced nationally and internationally.

By providing context, the literature review will help identify aspects unique to the off-reserve Aboriginal population experiencing housing challenges in Canada. Additionally, the literature review will identify knowledge and data gaps. Ultimately, incorporating findings from the literature throughout the study to preface, interpret, and support a potential future phase of quantitative analysis will enhance this research project’s policy relevance and practicability.

4. Key components and deliverables

1. Research reports (progress, draft and final versions)
2. An annotated bibliography of the relevant literature
3. A 1-2 page plain language summary of findings for public dissemination

5. Proposed Timeline:

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6. How to apply:

Please submit your proposal, along with the following documents by Monday, March 16th, 2020, via email to Jim Devoe, CEO, CAP, j.devoe@abo-peopels.org:

- Your current CV
- A cover letter (1-2 pages) outlining how you are suited to undertake this project
- 2-3 work samples on similar topics and/or in similar format to this project