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Province funds 24 affordable housing units for individuals and families

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island – Another 24 affordable housing units will be available for individuals and families in need of housing in PEI.

The Province is partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association of PEI and Habitat for Humanity PEI on two projects to build the affordable units.

“The Canadian Mental Health Association of PEI successfully operates over 100 units across the province and is a key partner to achieve and maintain Islanders’ positive mental health,” says Brad Trivers, Minister of Social Development and Housing. “Habitat for Humanity PEI is well-known for their ability to develop affordable family homes. We are delighted to partner with both groups.”

The Canadian Mental Health Association-PEI will receive \$2 million to develop a 20-unit, three-story apartment complex on Fitzroy Street in Charlottetown. Plans include 15 one-bedroom units and five studio apartments, including three accessible units. These units will be for individuals receiving assistance through the organization’s mental health programs.

“CMHA is very excited to partner with the Province in building a new facility in the downtown core that will provide 20 units of safe, affordable housing for our clients. We have been assisting clients with their housing needs for over 35 years and are acutely aware of the need for affordable housing in Charlottetown and the Province as a whole. The project also allows us to add much needed office and meeting space where we will continue to build on our successful outreach programming such as peer, education, and housing supports,” says Shelley Muzika, Acting Executive Director of CMHA PEI.

Habitat for Humanity PEI will receive just over \$1 million to build four detached family homes. The homes will be three-bedroom rental units and will be for Island families in the Summerside area.

“Our organization has a vision of an Island where everyone has an opportunity to live in a safe, and affordable home,” says Jamie MacKay, CEO of Habitat for Humanity PEI. “We have so much appreciation for the support from government officials now and in

the past to help us in our vision. This project will help to provide affordable and appropriate housing to deserving Island families.”

Both projects will exceed the requirements of the National Energy Code for Buildings by 20 percent and will be net-zero ready.

Construction for both projects will begin later this year and are expected to be completed within a 12-month timeframe.

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