

The following news release has been issued for the RHIP and RHAP programs. Application deadline is June 15. More info at www.manitoba.ca/housing/progs/repair.html.

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**PROVINCIAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS**

The Manitoba government reaffirmed its commitment to safe and affordable housing today as Families Minister Scott Fielding announced funds for landlords to make repairs and upgrades.

“As a result of this support, more Manitobans can feel secure and comfortable in their homes,” said Fielding. “Our funding programs for rental properties and rooming houses help landlords make crucial property improvements so these units can continue to be available for tenants now and into the future.”

Under the Rental Housing Improvement Program, private landlords and housing co-operatives can apply for up to \$24,000 per unit for repairs required to meet health and safety standards. This can include structural, heating, electrical, plumbing and fire protection upgrades. Properties in northern Manitoba are eligible for funding up to \$28,000 per unit.

Once renovations are complete, the landlord must continue to rent the units to lower-income tenants.

The Rooming House Assistance Program is accepting applications for a maximum of \$29,000 per unit to make similar types of improvements to properties with shared kitchens or bathrooms.

Manitoba Housing issues a call for applications for both programs annually. Last year, it committed \$2.3 million to repair 119 rental and rooming house units in Manitoba.

The minister noted the province has budgeted up to \$2.51 million in 2017-18 for these programs.

Landlords are invited to attend an information session on the programs and application process. Upcoming dates and other information are available online at: www.manitoba.ca/housing/progs/repair.html. The application deadline for both programs is June 15.