

# RDCO Regional Housing Strategy

Local Government Review

| June 2022



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# AGENDA

- Project progress
- Role of government
- Draft recommendations
- Next steps



# REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY PROCESS

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October 2021



**Phase 1**

Project Initiation

November – February 2022



**Phase 2**

Building the Strategy

February – May 2022



**Phase 3**

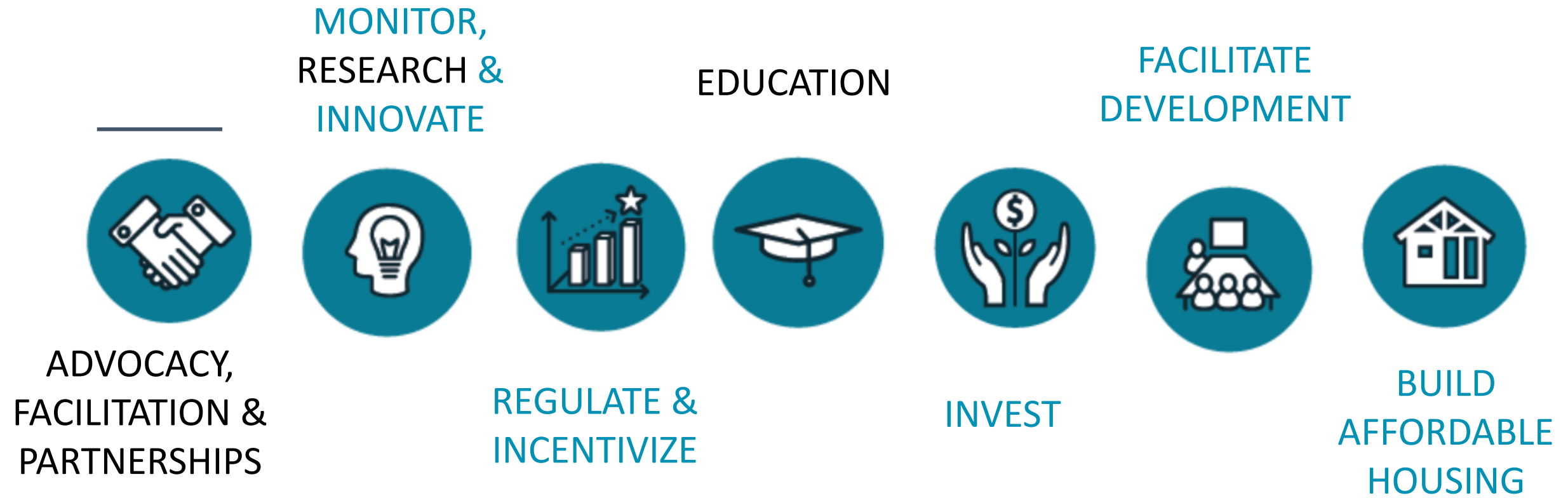
Strategy Development

May – June 2022



**Phase 4**

Project Finalization

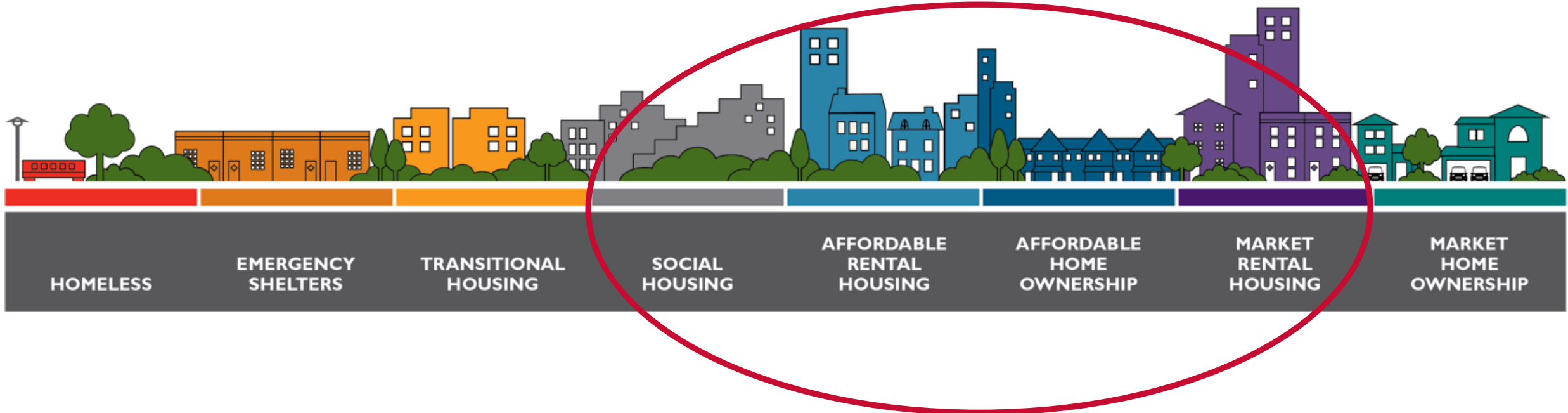


ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

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## THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



# WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY

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housing  
Strategy



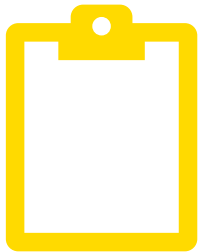
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# WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY

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Community  
Survey

700+  
Participants



Stakeholder  
Groups

5 Groups  
Incl. COEDC



Lived  
Experience  
Interviews

6 Participants



Local  
Government  
Presentations

10 Total



RDCO Board /  
RGS  
Presentations

3 – Board  
3- RGS

# RHS OBJECTIVES

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- Strengthen coordination between RDCO electoral areas, member municipalities and First Nations.
- Coordinate a regional housing advocacy strategy aligned with Provincial and Federal housing policy to approach higher levels of senior government for additional Central Okanagan resources and support.
- Strengthen mechanisms for information sharing and partnership with First Nations, local governments and non-profit housing providers.
- Develop regional best practices to regulate and protect rental housing stock and facilitate the development of affordable housing.
- Regionally assess policy and development processes to build staff capacity, identify opportunities for policy coordination and streamline approvals with senior government.

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### Draft Recommendations:

1. Create a Regional Housing Advocacy Task Force to collaborate on housing policy direction across the region to ensure local governments and First Nations have access to policy direction in neighbouring jurisdictions.
2. Establish a housing sub-committee of the RGS Steering Committee comprised of RDCO member staff to collaborate on housing strategies, policies, and regulations. Communicate and coordinate these strategies with local governments and First Nations so policies can be developed that align with the direction of senior governments.
3. Develop regional tools for municipalities to better understand their existing land base, and identify potential sites for affordable housing (municipal, provincial, private, non-profit, etc.).



Strengthen coordination between RDCO electoral areas, member municipalities and First Nations.

### Draft Recommendations:

4. Work with local government planners to support the implementation of regional mapping tools for identifying potential affordable housing sites.
5. Study the feasibility of implementing a regional housing service or trust fund to contribute to land acquisition and capital investments in affordable housing across the region.



Coordinate a regional housing advocacy strategy aligned with Provincial and Federal housing policy to approach higher levels of senior government for additional Central Okanagan resources and support.

### Draft Recommendations:

1. Utilizing a representative and coordinated group of elected officials from local governments and First Nations – the Regional Housing Advocacy Task Force – develop an effective Housing Advocacy Strategy for the region.
2. Collectively advocate to senior levels of government to raise the profile of the housing crisis in the Central Okanagan to obtain additional housing and support.



Strengthen mechanisms for information sharing and partnership with First Nations, local governments and non-profit housing providers.

### Draft Recommendations:

1. Establish a regional information base by providing a Digital Hub for all affordable housing activities and information in the region.
2. Utilize the Digital Hub to create partnerships and support information sharing on research and programs that could impact or contribute to affordable initiatives.



Strengthen mechanisms for information sharing and partnership with First Nations, local governments and non-profit housing providers.

### Draft Recommendations:

3. Collaborate with financial institutions and senior government to secure a range of funding sources for affordable housing.
4. Work with the development community to achieve housing goals including small units, rental housing and identification of development sites.



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### Draft Recommendations:

1. Identify, compile, and offer a library of best practices and regional success stories to support local government policies around affordable housing.
2. Provide implementation support on best practices to local governments and First Nations.

### Public Digital Hub



Best Practice Library



Regionally assess policy and development processes to build staff capacity, identify opportunities for policy coordination and streamline approvals with senior government.

### Draft Recommendations:

1. Seek opportunities for regional approaches to policy development.
2. Build local government housing capacity (technical and planning expertise) through collaborative educational opportunities.
3. Identify opportunities to streamline senior government approvals for affordable housing projects across the region.

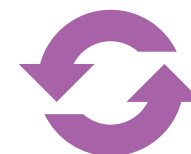


# NEXT STEPS

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- Refine & finalize strategy (June)
- Member municipalities and First Nations presentations and review of strategy (June)
- Finalize Strategy (June 2022)
- The Strategy is open for public comment on RDCO website until June 12, 2022.



# THANK YOU