

Leeds and Grenville Affordable Housing Development Supports and Events Survey Summary

Background

As the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Community Housing Department moves forward to support, encourage, and enable the growth of Affordable Housing in Leeds and Grenville, input was requested into the development of supports and events that may facilitate accelerating the growth of the affordable housing supply. The survey also requested information on affordable housing project development plans and supports that may be needed. This survey was targeted to land developers, non-profit housing providers, municipal officials and staff, and other organizations invested in constructing affordable housing units.

Responses Received

The survey was open from November 23rd to December 17th, with 66 survey responses received. Responses were received from housing developers, community agencies, non-profit organizations, elected officials, municipal staff members, housing providers and private individuals.



Interest in Future Events

Survey respondents ranked **Rural Housing Solutions, Affordable Housing Needs in Leeds and Grenville** and **Affordable Housing Project Financing** as the top areas of interest for future workshops.



Survey respondents indicated a desire to return to in-person events, which was the highest ranked event format. Attending a forum-style event, having presentations from experts in the housing field, and an opportunity to network with other organizations and developers were also of interest to respondents. Half-day workshops were preferred over a full day. Brockville and Area, South Leeds, and North Grenville were the highest ranked geographic locations for events.

Interest in Future Affordable Housing Development

Of the 66 survey responses received, 64.1% (41 responses) indicated that their organization is interested in building new affordable housing units now or in the future, 23.4% (15 responses) were unsure, and 12.5% (8 responses) were not interested.

The greatest challenge identified by respondents was a lack of funding or financing to get started, followed by a lack of financing to start construction. Other roadblocks identified were related to land-use, such as significant changes required in zoning or development constraints (e.g. studies or environmental remediation).

