

# HOUSING SPONSORS

Housing sponsors include both rent-geared-to-income (RGI) and market-rate options. The first three sponsors below all offer RGI accommodation in which tenants meeting certain eligibility criteria pay rent based on their income (up to 30 per cent of their net income). All RGI housing is accessed through a centralized waiting list and application must be made via the Registry to get on the list. To obtain an application form and apply for subsidized housing, call The Social Housing Registry at 613-526-2088, or visit: [www.socialhousing.org/Registry](http://www.socialhousing.org/Registry).

## **Ottawa Community Housing Corporation**

The Ottawa Community Housing Corporation (OCHC) manages about 14,600 units of housing in Ottawa including a small number of units modified to be wheelchair accessible for disabled persons. Of these units approximately 12,000 are rent-geared-to-income and 3,000 units are reserved for citizens age 60 and over. RGI residences may be designated as seniors' residences; however, market-rent residences are age-mixed. Persons age 16 or over who are able to live independently may apply for OCHC housing. For more information on market-rent housing call Ottawa Community Housing at 613-731-7223.

## **Housing Co-operatives**

Housing Co-operatives (co-ops) are initiated by groups of individuals who form non-profit co-operative corporations. Residents become members of the co-operative, have a voice in how the project is managed and contribute to its operation. People from all income brackets have turned to housing co-ops as a way to enjoy a secure, affordable home in a strong community environment. There are five completed seniors' co-ops in the area, which must be contacted individually. The Cooperative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario is an umbrella organization that provides information on these co-ops. For more information, call the Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario at 613-230-2201, visit the office at 311 - 225 Metcalfe Street in Ottawa, or visit their website: [www.chaseo.org](http://www.chaseo.org).

## **Private Non-Profit Corporations**

Private non-profit housing projects are developed by community and church groups. As with non-profit co-operatives, units are made available on a rent-g geared-to-income and market-rate basis to tenants of low and moderate income. Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC), the largest private non-profit corporation in the city, provides social housing mainly in the city core for people of all ages, operating 47 properties with nearly 1300 units. Some of the units are subsidized. For further information contact the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1 and ask for the Housing Directory, or online at:

[http://www.ottawa.ca/city\\_services/housing/subsidized\\_social/directory\\_en.shtml](http://www.ottawa.ca/city_services/housing/subsidized_social/directory_en.shtml)

## **Private Housing**

There are two types of private development housing in this Directory: private developments, which are designated as seniors' residences and those which are not specifically designated as such although seniors comprise a large percentage of the tenants. Buildings classified as seniors' buildings are located in the main body of the Directory under the appropriate heading of residences or apartments. Contact each location separately.