



MIZIWE BIIK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
GTA ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROGRAM

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Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC) is issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest for the Aboriginal Rental component of the GTA Aboriginal Housing Program.

The Request for Expressions of Interest and the Guidelines for the Aboriginal Rental Program will be posted on the MBDC website ([www.mbdc.ca](http://www.mbdc.ca)) at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

The purpose of the Aboriginal Rental Program (ARP) is to create affordable rental housing for the Aboriginal community in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The ARP will provide financial assistance in the form of interest-free, forgivable loans to non-profit Aboriginal service providers, or partnerships between non-profit Aboriginal service providers and private sector, to develop affordable rental housing to help ease the housing crisis amongst the GTA Aboriginal community.

The Aboriginal Rental Program is one of three components in the GTA Aboriginal Housing Program being administered by MBDC through an Administration Agreement signed this year with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Downpayment Loan Program was launched on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 and the Home Repair Program is scheduled to be launched in November 2009.

All three programs are part of the Off-Reserve Housing Trust transferred by the Federal Government to the Ontario Government. The Trust was intended to ease the housing shortage experienced by urban Aboriginal people.

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