

March 4, 2024

Honourable Jason Nixon, MLA
Minister of Seniors, Community & Social Services
Office of the Minister 227 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6



Re: Thank You for Making Housing and Supports a Priority in Budget 2024

Dear Minister Nixon,

On behalf of all ASCHA members, we wanted to express our sincere appreciation of your leadership and the Ministry's efforts in ensuring Budget 2024 addresses the housing and support needs of the Albertans we serve.

This was a "good news" budget, and one that provided relief to stabilize housing providers who have been operating with escalating fixed costs, staffing and recruitment challenges, capital maintenance and renewal needs, and rising expenses related to meeting the complex needs of their residents/tenants. It is clear that you heard their needs and brought a strong voice into budget deliberations on their behalf. Thank you!

As we continue to look at ways of building sustainable capital and operational plans, while meeting challenges within our communities facing those in need of housing options across the entire continuum of seniors and community housing, we know this budget will stabilize existing programs so that we can grow capacity and better respond to immediate needs while planning for the future.

We look forward to continued discussions on housing transformation, policy approaches, and future announcements. I can be reached at 780.439.6473, 780.906.7585 or at irene@ascha.com any time you require assistance and is happy to meet with you as we progress forward.

We look forward to your continued collaboration in meeting the housing and support needs of Albertans.

Sincerely,

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Irene Martin-Lindsay, Executive Director

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Arlene Adamson, President

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