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Housing NWT Funding Formula for Local Housing Organizations

My question is for the Minister responsible for Housing NWT. To calculate the annual funding it provides to Local Housing Organizations (LHOs) for repair and maintenance of its public housing portfolio, Housing NWT uses a formula that multiplies a fixed amount by the number and type of housing units. The LHOs are expected to allocate the funds according to the needs identified in the annual property inspection and condition rating process:

1. Based on the Housing NWT formula, what amount should each LHO be funded to deliver public housing;
2. What amount is each LHO funded;
3. How does Housing NWT intend fund this gap given LHOs cannot source third-party funding or funding from financial institutions; and
4. The current Housing NWT Annual Report does not give an adequate snapshot of Housing NWT assets, their condition, and asset maintenance costs. In 2008, the Auditor General recommended that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation regularly report on the condition of its public housing portfolio. Will the Minister ensure that the Corporation's full list of assets by community, their condition, and required asset maintenance costs be included in Housing NWT's Annual Reports, including the upcoming 2022-23 Annual Report?