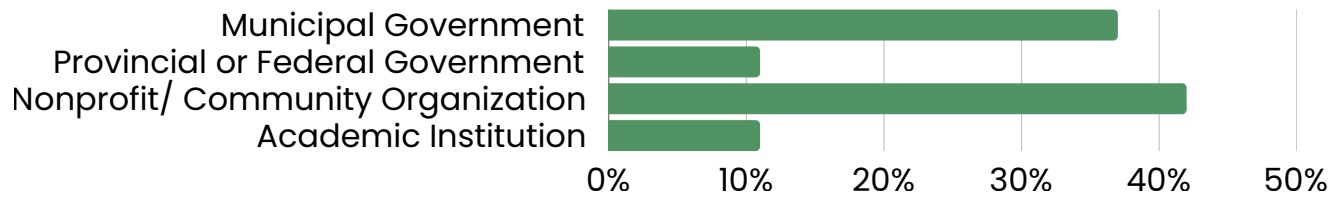


RDN Partnership Highlights 2025

RDN's Relationships & Impact

Between November 13–25, 2025 we gathered input from municipal, provincial, and federal partners, as well as non-profit, community, and academic organizations, through the 2025 Partnership & Collaboration survey.

Organization Relationship Types



Length of Partnerships

53% of partners surveys had been working with RDN for **under 3 years**

47% of partners have been working with RDN for **3 or more years**

"The Rural Development Network's support was essential— their guidance and data expertise strengthened our housing needs survey and helped us create a clear, community-driven Housing and Service Needs Estimations & Community Housing Action Plan."

- A Community Partner

Meeting The Need

- Clear communication & Effective Collaboration
- Support in accessing opportunities
- Delivers on commitments
- Overall alignment

Top Partnership Types

- Project Collaborator/ Co-delivery Partner
- Consulting/Service Provider
- Funding Partner or Investor
- Community or Indigenous Organization

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Key Challenges Experienced by Partners

- Lack of affordable and safe housing
- Transportation concerns
- Community capacity building



Additional Challenges

- Need for additional funding opportunities
- Barriers to accessing technology
- Population growth pressures
- Service gaps
- Concerns related to ongoing violence and trauma



RDN's Commitment to Impact

- Increase awareness of rural issues through education and strengthened connectivity across networks
- Strengthened its advocacy role as a consistent voice for rural communities
- Address gaps in data availability to better inform decision-makers
- Advance housing affordability through practical, solution-orientated approaches



What We Heard

"We now have an estimation of the number of residents experiencing houselessness in our community and a greater understanding of who these residents are. This has allowed us into further planning, research, and advocacy efforts to address this growing issue in our community."

- A Community Partner

