

HOUSING MATTERS BC

Aboriginal Housing

In B.C., Aboriginal people have access to a wide range of safe, affordable housing options, including culturally appropriate housing.

Aboriginal Housing Sector

The B.C. government is committed to a strong Aboriginal housing sector:

- More than 4,500 housing units are specifically designated for Aboriginal people in B.C.
- Since 2001, the Province has created more than 1,150 new housing units for Aboriginal people. As of March 2016, approximately 120 additional units are in development or under construction.
- More than 200 off-reserve units have been built through the Aboriginal Housing Initiative, providing safe, secure and culturally appropriate housing for Aboriginal youth, women, elders and those struggling with addictions.
- In June 2016, the B.C. government announced a \$50 million investment for Aboriginal housing providers to create safe, affordable homes for Aboriginal people in need throughout the province.
- This year, the Province will provide over \$33 million to the Aboriginal Housing Management Association to administer subsidy payments that keep the housing affordable for Aboriginal individuals and families.

The B.C. government has transferred more than 4,400 Aboriginal housing units to the Aboriginal Housing Management Association to support Aboriginal self-management of social housing.

Addressing Aboriginal Homelessness

- Last year, provincially-funded shelter and outreach workers helped more than 3,000 Aboriginal people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness to find stable housing.
- Aboriginal outreach teams provide support in 17 communities across B.C. These include: Dawson Creek, Duncan, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke and View Royal.

Highlights

2016: 550 Goldstream Ave. (Langford) 36 affordable rental homes for Aboriginal families.

2014: Kwayatsut (Vancouver) 99 supportive housing units for Aboriginal individuals and youth at risk of homelessness and the Broadway Youth Resource Centre.

2014: Hope Centre (Sooke) 25 affordable homes for Aboriginal youth and adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

2013: Dave Pranteau Aboriginal Children's Village (Vancouver) 24 affordable homes for foster families, children coming out of foster care and low-income individuals.

2013: Ts'i'ts'uwatul Lelum (Duncan) 50 assisted living apartments for Aboriginal elders and seniors.

2012: Skwachàys Healing Lodge (Vancouver) Affordable housing apartments for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and healing lodge apartments for Aboriginal individuals and their immediate family who need to travel to Vancouver from rural or remote communities.

2011: Aboriginal Mother's Centre (Vancouver) 16 apartments for Aboriginal women and their children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

2011: Circle of Eagles (Vancouver) 17 beds of supportive transitional housing for Aboriginal men.

2010: Driver House (Dawson Creek) 25 units for Aboriginal elders and families.

2010: Kackaamin Family Development Centre (Port Alberni) 14 units of affordable housing, two youth dormitories and programming space for Aboriginal families and youth.

2010: Eagle's Nest (Williams Lake) 33 suites for low-income Aboriginal adults.

2010: Twin Feathers (Kamloops) 19 affordable apartments for Aboriginal students, singles and families.

2009: Kickwillie Place (Vernon) 40 units of affordable rental housing for low-income Aboriginal families.

2009: Spirit Bear Center (Abbotsford) 10-bed transition house for young Aboriginal women in recovery from addictions.

2008: Miranda Apartments (Chilliwack) 20 units of affordable housing for low-income Aboriginal families.