

Housing Matters BC



In Profile: FRASER REGION



\$158M

Last year, over \$158 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than 30,000 low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Fraser region.

4,300

Over 4,300 low-income, working families in the Fraser Region receive assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

6,700

More than 6,700 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

2,500

Close to 2,500 subsidized apartments and shelter spaces available for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

Helping Families and Senior's

ABORIGINAL HOUSING

There are more than 440 units of designated Aboriginal housing in the region.

WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING

There are over 215 provincially funded spaces available in the region for women (with or without dependent children) who are at risk of violence.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND HOMELESS OUTREACH

Last year, over \$32 million was spent on close to 2,500 housing units in the region to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: nearly 320 permanent year-round, emergency shelter spaces; more than 1,300 subsidized units; and over 850 homeless rent supplements.

HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The B.C. government has partnerships with three local governments (Abbotsford, Maple Ridge and Surrey) to build new supportive units for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the region.

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

» *Independent Seniors Housing* provides subsidized apartments for those who are able to live independently with an affordable option for staying in their communities. There are more than 5,800 affordable homes for independent seniors in the region.

» *Supportive and Assisted Living* gives seniors the help they need to continue living in their communities near family and friends. Close to 3,400 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.

» *Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)* over 6,700 seniors households receive rent supplements benefits. The program was enhanced in 2014 to better meet the needs of low-income seniors. With the new enhanced benefit the average monthly payment is expected to increase from approximately \$150 to \$180.

» *Home Adaptations for Independence* offers financial assistance for home adaptations to help eligible low-income seniors and people with disabilities improve accessibility



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Highlights

- 2015: Kinghaven Treatment Centre** (Abbotsford) Supportive housing for men who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2014: Lynnhaven** (Abbotsford) Affordable housing for independent seniors.
- 2013: George Shmidt Centre** (Abbotsford) Supportive housing for men who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2013: Swedish Assisted Living** (Burnaby) Assisted living for seniors.
- 2013: Chilliwack Health and Housing Contact Centre** (Chilliwack) Supportive apartments for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Elspeth Alley Housing** (Burnaby) Affordable apartments for older women.
- 2012: Como Lake Gardens** (Coquitlam) Supportive homes for women and children who may be homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Christine Lamb** (Abbotsford) Supportive housing for single mothers and their children who were at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Alouette Heights** (Maple Ridge) Supportive housing for men and women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Quibble Creek Health & Transition Housing Centre** (Surrey) Supportive housing units and short-term transitional beds for people at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Alder Gardens** (Surrey) Supportive housing for single women and their children who are at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Hannah House** (Maple Ridge) Recovery beds for women who are recovering from addiction.
- 2012: Timber Grove Apartments** (Surrey) Rental apartments for seniors and people with disabilities at risk of homelessness.
- 2011: Maxxine Wright Centre** (Surrey) Short-term beds and a postnatal clinic for women and their children at risk of homelessness.
- 2010: Russell Housing Centre** (New Westminster) Single Room Occupancy (SRO) with supportive services for men and women and shelter beds for men at risk of homelessness.