

# Housing Matters BC



## In Profile: INTERIOR REGION



**\$79M**

Last year, over \$79 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than **14,400** low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Interior region.

**1,400**

Close to 1,400 low-income, working families in the Interior Region receive assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

**3,600**

Close to 3,600 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

**1,800**

Nearly 1,800 subsidized apartments and shelter spaces available for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

## Helping Families and Seniors

### ABORIGINAL HOUSING

There are more than 640 units of designated Aboriginal housing in the region.

### WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING

There are over 170 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 \$20 million was spent on nearly 1,800 housing units to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: more than 220 permanent year-round emergency shelter spaces, nearly 1,100 subsidized units; and more than 470 homeless rent supplements.

### HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The B.C. government has a partnership with the City of Kelowna to build new supportive units. All three developments – Tutt Street Place, Willowbridge and New Gate Apartments – are open.

### 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 3,000 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. More than 2,000 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.

» *Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)* close to 3,600 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 and safety in their home.



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## Highlights

- 2016: Pleasantvale** (Kelowna) Affordable housing for seniors and families with low to moderate incomes.
- 2016: 1014 Oscar St.** (Revelstoke) Affordable housing for families and individuals with low to moderate incomes.
- 2015: Ward Street Place** (Nelson) Expanded supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2015: VQ – The Lake** (Logan Lake) Supportive recovery facility for men living with mental-health and addiction challenges.
- 2014: Apartment Complex** (Invermere) Purchase of affordable rental housing complex for low-income families.
- 2013: Recovery Centre** (Vernon) Beds for drug and alcohol addictions recovery.
- 2012: Moberly Apartments** (Revelstoke) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Mount Begbie Villas** (Revelstoke) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Ed Buck Manor** (Clearwater) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Mountain View Manor** (Golden) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Habitat for Humanity Multiplex** (Grand Forks) Affordable homeownership for men with developmental disabilities.
- 2012: Pinewood Villas** (Lake Country) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Enderby Memorial Terrace** (Enderby) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: McLean Manor** (Lillooet) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Columbus Place** (Naramata) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: New Gate Apartments** (Kelowna) Supportive housing development for those at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Emerald Centre** (Kamloops) Round the clock emergency shelter with support services, and transitional housing apartments, for men and women at risk of homelessness or fleeing violence.
- 2011: Tutt Street Place** (Kelowna) Supportive housing development to help women and women with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.