

# Housing Matters BC



## In Profile: ISLAND REGION



**\$91M**

Last year, over \$91 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than **17,000** low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Island region.

**1,900**

Close to 1,900 low-income, working families in the Island Region receive assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

**3,700**

More than 3,700 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

**1,900**

Close to 1,900 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 1,050 units of designated Aboriginal housing in the region.

### WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING

There are nearly 150 provincially funded spaces available for women (with or without dependent children) who are at risk of violence.

### EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND HOMELESS OUTREACH

Last year, more than \$24 million was spent on nearly 1,900 housing units in the region to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: nearly 250 permanent year-round, emergency shelter spaces; more than 900 subsidized units; and over 740 homeless rent supplements.

### HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The B.C. government has partnerships with three local governments (Victoria, Campbell River, Nanaimo) 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 3,000 affordable homes for independent seniors in the region.

» **Supportive and Assisted Housing** gives seniors the help they need to continue living in their communities near family and friends. More than 2,100 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.

» **Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)** over 3,700 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 and safety in their home.



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## Highlights

- 2016: Former Central Care Home** (Victoria) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk homelessness.
- 2016: Mount Edwards Court Care Home** (Victoria) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk homelessness.
- 2015: Qualicum Park Village** (Qualicum Beach) Affordable housing for families and seniors.
- 2015: 550 Goldstream Ave.** (Langford) Affordable rental housing for Aboriginal individuals and families.
- 2015: Washington Apartments** (Courtenay) Purchase of affordable rental housing.
- 2015: Uplands Walk** (Nanaimo) Supportive housing for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2014: Hope Centre** (Sooke) Affordable housing for Aboriginal youth and adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2014: Dahli Place** (Victoria) Affordable rental housing for people with low-to-moderate incomes.
- 2014: McCauley Lodge** (Esquimalt) Supportive housing for adults with mental-health support needs.
- 2013: The Cedars** (Salt Spring Island) Transitional housing and emergency shelter for women fleeing abuse.
- 2013: Wesley Street** (Nanaimo) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2013: Rose Harbour** (Campbell River) Second-stage transitional housing for homeless women and those at risk.
- 2012: Loreen Place** (Victoria) Affordable apartments for small families with low to modest incomes.
- 2012: Queens Manor** (Victoria) Affordable and supportive apartments for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Swift House** (Victoria) Supportive housing for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Palmer Place** (Campbell River) Supportive housing for adults with developmental disabilities.
- 2012: Hustwick Place** (Parksville) Supportive housing for seniors and adults with disabilities.