

# Housing Matters BC



## In Profile: METRO VANCOUVER



**\$375M** Last year, over \$375 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than **60,500** low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Metro region.

**5,700** More than 5,700 low-income, working families in the Metro region receive assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

**10,200** More than 10,200 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

**8,900** Close to 8,900 subsidized apartments and shelter spaces available for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

## Helping Families and Seniors

### ABORIGINAL HOUSING

There are close to 1,600 units of designated Aboriginal housing in the region.

### WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING

There are over 260 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 \$138 million was spent on close to 8,900 housing units in the region to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: 1,260 permanent year-round, emergency shelter spaces; more than 6,100 subsidized units; and over to 1,500 homeless rent supplements.

### HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The B.C. government has partnerships with local governments in Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Surrey and Abbotsford 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 13,700 affordable homes for independent seniors.

» **Supportive and Assisted Living** gives seniors the help they need to continue living in their communities near family and friends. More than 6,100 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.

» **Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)** more than 9,400 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: Former Remand Centre** (Vancouver) Affordable housing for low-income adults and at-risk Aboriginal youth.
- 2015: Little Mountain** (Vancouver) Affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2015: Powell Place Women's Shelter** (Vancouver) 56 shelter beds for women who are homeless.
- 2015: Kiwanis Towers** (Richmond) Affordable homes for independent seniors.
- 2014: Lynnhaven** (Abbotsford) Affordable housing for independent seniors.
- 2014: The Remy** (Richmond) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2014: Kiwanis Garden Villa** (West Vancouver) Affordable homes for independent seniors.
- 2013: George Schmidt Centre** (Abbotsford) Supportive housing for men who are homeless or at risk.
- 2013: Swedish Assisted Living** (Burnaby) Assisted living for seniors.
- 2013: Swedish Assisted Living Residence** (Burnaby) Assisted living apartments for seniors.
- 2013: Chilliwack Health and Housing Contact Centre** (Chilliwack) Supportive apartments for people who are homeless or at risk.
- 2013: John Yeomans' Place** (North Vancouver) Affordable housing for seniors.
- 2013: Dave Pranteau Aboriginal Children's Village** (Vancouver) Affordable homes for foster families, children coming out of foster care and low-income individuals.
- 2013: Linden Tree Place** (Vancouver) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Elspeth Alley Housing** (Burnaby) Affordable apartments for older women.
- 2012: Sanford Apartments, Pacific Coast Apartments, Dunbar Apartments, First Place, Karis Place, Station Street, Sorella** (Vancouver) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Como Lake Gardens** (Coquitlam) Affordable apartments for women and their children who may be homeless or at risk.
- 2012: Skwachàys Healing Lodge** (Vancouver) Affordable apartments for homeless or at risk of homelessness and healing lodge apartments for Aboriginal individuals and their immediate family who need to travel to Vancouver from remote communities for medical services.
- 2012: Hannah House** (Maple Ridge) Recovery beds for women who are recovering from addiction.
- 2011: Aboriginal Mother Centre** (Vancouver) Transformational housing linked to Aboriginal cultural traditions for Aboriginal mothers and children at risk of homelessness.
- 2011: 601 East Hastings** (Vancouver) Shelter and housing for men and women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.