

Housing Matters BC



In Profile: NORTH REGION



\$47M

Last year, over \$47 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than **4,800** low-income individuals, seniors and families in the North region.

300

More than 300 low-income, working families in the North Region receive assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

670

More than 600 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

700

More than 700 subsidized apartments and shelter spaces available for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

Helping Families and Senior's

ABORIGINAL HOUSING

There are close to 1,000 units of designated Aboriginal housing in the region.

WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING

There are over 160 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 \$11 million was spent on more than 700 housing units in the region to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: 175 permanent year-round, emergency shelter spaces; over 225 subsidized units; and more than 300 homeless rent supplements.

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 740 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 525 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.
- » **Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)** more than 670 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

- 2013: Victoria Towers** (Prince George) Purchase of affordable rental housing complex for low-income families.
- 2013: Salvation Army Northern Centre of Hope** (Fort St. John) Shelter beds with supports for individuals who are homeless.
- 2013: Mountain View Apartments** (Terrace) Apartments for low-income individuals.
- 2013: Eagles Landing** (Prince Rupert) Transitional and supportive housing for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse.
- 2012: Market Estates** (Terrace) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: McMahon Manor** (Taylor) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Telkwa House** (Telkwa) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Elizabeth Fry Place** (Prince George) Affordable rental housing for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Hart Haven** (Prince George) Affordable rental housing for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Cedar Lodge** (Fort St. John) Shelter and transitional beds for people who are homeless.