

HOUSING MATTERS BC

Seniors and People with Special Needs

To help seniors and people with special needs live as independently as possible the B.C. government provides a range of affordable, accessible housing options.

The Province provides support to **nearly 52,800 seniors' households** across B.C. through a range of housing options, including:

- Independent social housing units for close to 21,300 low-income seniors.
- Supportive and assisted living units for approximately 11,500 frail seniors.
- [Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters \(SAFER\)](#) provides rental supplements to close to 19,900 low-income seniors' households. In 2014 the program was enhanced to better meet the needs of low-income seniors. With the new enhanced benefit, the average monthly payment has increased from approximately \$150 to \$175 per month.

Since 2001, more than 12,390 new units of housing for seniors and people with special needs have been created across the province, including:

- More than 7,820 subsidized assisted and supportive units to provide seniors with the support they need to continue living in their communities, close to family and friends;
- Close to 3,280 independent social housing units for seniors;
- And nearly 1,850 units for people with special needs.

The Seniors Rental Housing Initiative was a \$127-million joint partnership with the federal government to build affordable seniors housing in smaller communities.

Approximately 1,200 units throughout B.C. were completed through the program.

Home Adaptations for Independence

- The [Home Adaptations for Independence](#) program helps low-income seniors and people with disabilities live more independently by making their homes more accessible and safer.
- The program provides financial assistance of up to \$20,000 per home to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities with home modifications for accessible, safe and independent living.
- Since its inception, nearly 1,640 households have received assistance through the Home Adaptations for Independence program.

Highlights

- 2016: Pleasantvale** (Kelowna) Affordable housing for seniors.
- 2015: Qualicum Park Village** (Qualicum Beach) Affordable homes for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2015: Little Mountain** (Vancouver) Affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2015: Kiwanis Towers** (Richmond) Affordable homes for independent seniors.
- 2014: HYAD Place** (North Vancouver) 14 new residential apartments for young adults with developmental disabilities.
- 2014: McCauley Lodge** (Esquimalt) Supportive housing for adults with mental-health support needs.
- 2014: The Remy** (Richmond) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2014: Kiwanis Garden Villa** (West Vancouver) Affordable homes for independent seniors.
- 2014: Lynnhaven** (Abbotsford) Affordable housing for independent seniors.
- 2013: Swedish Assisted Living** (Burnaby) Assisted living for seniors.
- 2013: Linden Tree Place** (Vancouver) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2013: John Yeomans' Place** (North Vancouver) Affordable homes for seniors.
- 2013: Ts'i'ts'uwatul Lelum** (Duncan) 50 assisted living apartments for Aboriginal elders.
- 2012: Elspeth Alley Housing** (Burnaby) Affordable apartments for older women.
- 2012: Timber Grove Apartments** (Surrey) Rental apartments for seniors and people with disabilities at risk of homelessness.
- 2012: Hart Haven** (Prince George) Affordable rental housing for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: The Maple Residences** (Richmond) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Jack Nelson Annex** (Sechelt) Affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities.
- 2012: Palmer Place** (Campbell River) Supportive housing for adults with developmental disabilities.
- 2012: Hustwick Place** (Nanaimo) 33 units for seniors.
- 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: Habitat for Humanity Multiplex** (Grand Forks) Affordable homeownership for men with developmental 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: 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.