Housing Matters BC



In Profile: ISLAND REGION



\$56M

Over \$56 million in provincial funding was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than **16,000** 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.

3,100

More than 3,100 seniors households in the region receive SAFER benefits.

1,500

More than 1,500 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 1,000 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, approximately \$19 million was spent on over 1,500 housing units in the region to support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including: over 240 permanent year-round, emergency shelter spaces; more than 800 subsidized units; and over 500 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 3,100 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 2,400 seniors live in supportive and assisted living units throughout the region.
- » Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) over 3,100 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 \$190.
- » 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

- 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.
- 2011: Camas Gardens (Victoria) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk.
- 2011: Salish Lelum (Nanaimo) Supportive housing for Aboriginal youth and elders.
- 2011: Olympic Vista (Saanich) Supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 2010: Rock Bay Landing (Victoria) Shelter spaces, transitional housing units and two emergency family shelter units.