

# Everybody In: Working Together to Address Homelessness



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# Provincial Partner Presentation:

- **Ministry of Housing:** Belonging in BC: Homelessness Plan
- **Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction:** Complex Care Housing
- **BC Housing:** Tackling Homelessness

**Building a Homelessness Plan**

**Mandate to lead a Homelessness Plan**

Comprehensive umbrella strategy with cross-ministry actions

Phase and iterative: Build on best practices, evidence

**Engagement**

Prioritizes Indigenous and Persons with Lived Experience

Leverages cross-government engagements

**Funding**

Budget 2022: \$633 million

Budget 2023: \$1.4 billion



# Homelessness Plan actions



**Ministry of Housing & BC Housing:**

- New Supportive Housing, rent supplement program
- Encampment response teams, supports, modular housing
- Community inclusion, Indigenous & PWLE, Homeless Counts, Rent Bank, community grants

**Ministry of Health:**

- More than \$170 million to expand health, addictions and mental health supports across setting from unsheltered to supported rent supplements

**Mental Health and Addictions:**

- Launch and expansion of Complex Care Housing program

**Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction:**

- Expansion of Community Integration Specialist Program, new income and tenant supports

**Children and Family Development:**

- Youth Transitions to Housing \$35M in support, rent supplements & benefits



- Part of the 2023 Housing plan refresh to build a better housing and support ecosystem for people

# People first approach:

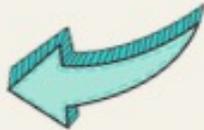
## *Homelessness and housing ecosystem*



Rapid outreach,  
safety and  
health supports



Coordinated  
health, social  
and housing  
supports

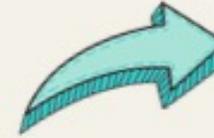
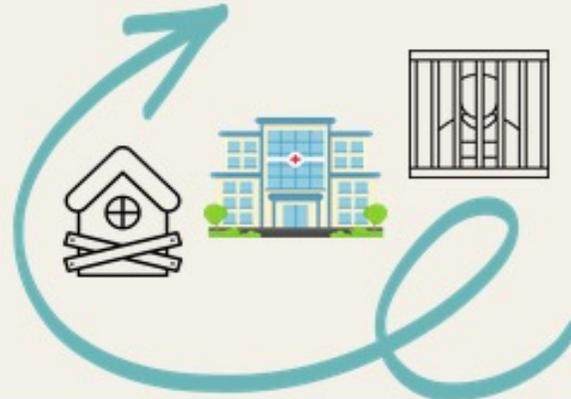


Interim housing  
options: Shelter,  
modular,  
temporary  
housing



**Stability  
through  
diversity,  
access and  
choice**

Transitions supports: Youth in  
care, eviction prevention,  
hospital/recovery, jail



Permanent community housing:  
Supportive housing, subsidized, co-op,  
health authority, community living,  
seniors



Market housing  
with supports,  
affordable  
rentals, healthy  
vacancy rates,  
renter  
protections



**“We have a fear of treating people in a home environment. ‘They’ll get too comfortable,’ I hear. But I think people have a right to feel comfortable and at home, wherever home is that day... to go to bed and feel rested and respected and happy... a person who is welcomed.”**

—Lived experience/peer engagement participant



# Vision: That everyone in BC has a home and community



- 01** Help people stay housed, access housing, health, and social services, and reduce stigma
- 02** Ensure every door is the right door by simplifying and coordinating government and community systems
- 03** Prevent chronic homelessness with a range of housing and supports for people with diverse needs



# Complex Care Housing

- Housing First model, low barrier housing alongside intensive health, social and cultural supports.
- All services are voluntary and housing has no end date, with the aim of preventing evictions and supporting rapid rehousing if necessary.

		
<p><b>Distributed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Living in multiple supportive housing sites</li><li>» Supported market rentals</li><li>» Outreach teams will connect with people where they live</li></ul>	<p><b>Multi-unit in supportive housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» A dedicated number of units or floor in a larger building</li><li>» Small, fully dedicated buildings</li></ul>	<p><b>Small group homes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» For people with the highest level of need</li><li>» Low staff to client ratio</li></ul>



# Complex Care Housing: Progress Update

## Phase 1:

- Implementation underway through more than 30 projects across the province.
- 12 projects are operational as of March 1, 2023, in the Vancouver Coastal, Fraser, Interior and South Island regions.
- The remaining projects are on track to launch throughout 2023/early 2024.
- Most projects are taking a phased approach and will build capacity over time as positions are hired.

## Phase 2:

- Budget 2023: new capital and operating funding to build net-new CCH units.
- Planning is currently underway and will include a process for site identification.



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