

# Introduction to BC Housing

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# Overview

- About BC Housing
- BC Housing Programs
- BC Housing Initiatives
- Reconciliation

# About BC Housing


# Maintaining and Rehabilitating Existing Social Housing

819




Housing partners  
across the province

64,844




Units of social housing  
across the province that  
BC Housing has ongoing  
capital asset  
responsibilities for

5,546



Units of subsidized  
housing directly owned,  
operated, managed and  
maintained by BC  
Housing

59,298



Units are operated  
and/or owned by non-  
profit housing provider

# BC Housing Programs

Building BC

# Community Housing Fund

Next Call – Anticipated Summer 2023



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Indigenous Initiatives

# Indigenous Housing Fund

Next Call - Anticipated Fall 2023



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# Other Programs

Supportive Housing Fund  
Women's Transition Housing  
Rapid Response to Homelessness





# BC Housing Initiatives

Asset Management MOUs

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# Areas of Focus

- Asset Condition Assessments
- Data Management
- Capital Planning
- Maintenance Management
- Energy Management
- Procurement
- Construction Standards
- Document Management
- Construction Project Management
- Commissioning

# Reconciliation

Moving Forward Together

BC Housing's Reconciliation Strategy

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The BC Housing Reconciliation Strategy was initiated in June 2019 at the direction of the Board of Commissioners. We are implementing, and working towards our ongoing commitments to Indigenous people, reconciliation and decolonization.



# Moving Forward Together

## 2022/23-2023/24

### GOALS

- Deep Indigenous partnerships that advance Truth and Reconciliation and the implementation of DRIPA
- Housing and services are equitable, people-centred, and accessible to all

### STREAM 2: Understanding Reconciliation

- Initiate and implement a reconciliation learning and un-learning framework for employees to support learning and development of reconciliation competencies
- Collaborate with sector partners, support reconciliation learning and unlearning initiatives for sector capacity building
- Advance BC Housing Research Centre's alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and First Nation Principles of OCAP (ownership, control, access, and possession)

### STREAM 1: Building Our Reconciliation Scaffolding

- Establish cross-functional reconciliation working groups to support strategy implementation
- Implement an Indigenous relationship management system for coordination and clarity
- Create a reconciliation strategy evaluation framework with a reporting mechanism to enhance transparency and accountability
- Launch an Indigenous Employee Resource Group to support a culture of safety and inclusion
- Begin a community of practice to create space for continuous knowledge dissemination
- Establish mechanisms for greater coordination between the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) and BC Housing

### STREAM 4: Building and Sustaining Relationships

- Improve reconciliation and equity strategies to support meaningful participation
- Revamp our Indigenous engagement and consultation resources for employees to be in alignment with DRIPA and the principles of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Collaborate with the First Nations Housing Infrastructure Council (FNHIC), AHMA and First Nation partners to support Indigenous-led housing solutions
- Determine mechanisms for sustained relationship building to enable consistent and proactive insight gathering and collaboration with Indigenous communities

### Our Path

BC Housing commits to advancing a path forward that ensures historical, and present-day harms are acknowledged and actively addressed.

### STREAM 3: Transforming Our Organization and Sector

- Create and implement an Honoraria Policy to support respectful engagement, consultation, and participation of Indigenous knowledge holders, Elders, and leaders
- Expand the procurement program to increase economic opportunities for Indigenous businesses
- Support community-led Indigenous coordinated access processes and look for Provincial alignment opportunities
- Embed equity, cultural safety, and trauma-informed approaches into guidelines and tools, including the National Occupancy Standards (NOS) and the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT)
- Implement recommendations from operational audits on cultural safety and anti-racism in collaboration with Indigenous partners
- Review and enhance funding mechanisms and programs based on input from previous recipients and unsuccessful Indigenous applicants
- Develop BC Housing Indigenous Design Guidelines to integrate cultural considerations into building design

### Our Principles

Indigenous-led  
Community-driven  
Collaborative  
Mutual respect  
Reciprocity  
Self awareness and self reflection  
Effective communication  
Flexibility  
Builds capacity  
Upholds Indigenous self-determination

### STREAM 5: Maintaining and Multiplying Transformation

- Continue developing partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to support Indigenous asset management capacity
- Assess the resource needs of the Indigenous Asset Management program
- Coordinate with provincial and federal departments responsible for issues related to housing, reconciliation and equity to identify more opportunities for alignment





**Thank you**