

Creating Homes, Enhancing Communities



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

This is a plan to house individuals experiencing **chronic homelessness** in Greater Victoria. Using analysis of patterns of emergency shelter use, it estimates the number of individuals in the region who require support services in order to remain housed. It then creates a plan that includes housing and support services as required.

This plan does not address the large numbers of individuals experiencing short-term homelessness due to affordability issues or temporary crises. It is specifically focused on supporting Greater Victoria's most vulnerable individuals.

367

chronic emergency shelter users

There are a **minimum** 367 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Greater Victoria. Due to the inexact nature of shelter data and analysis, this number could be as high as 479 individuals.

To solve chronic homelessness, the plan calls for:

185

units built

185 units constructed as purpose built housing.

+

182

existing rental units

182 units secured in existing rental stock.

To fund the required housing units, two scenarios have been proposed:

scenario one

\$24.5 M

capital funding over 4 years

+

\$617,400/year

rental supplements

Scenario 1 provides a capital cost estimate for housing should capital support become available from funding sources.

scenario two

\$9.4 M

capital funding over 4 years

+

\$1.6 M/year

rental supplements

Scenario 2 calls for rental supplements as the primary tool to enable program participants the opportunity to afford new-build units.

\$7.1 M/year

support service

Support services are an essential component to this initiative. The more significant the need, the more costly the support service is to deliver; a High Need + individual's support costs is \$73,000/year, whereas a Moderate Need individual's annual support cost is \$10,547.

For more information or to read the full report *Creating Homes, Enhancing Communities*, visit www.victoriahomelessness.ca.