



Housing Services

Vancouver

Vancouver Rent Bank

**Provided by: Network of Inner City
Community Services Society**

Service Description

Aims to increase housing stability by providing one-time interest free loans to people in danger of eviction, homelessness, or essential utility cut-off due to temporary financial crisis.

Service Info

Phone:

604-566-9685

Fax:

604-569-3779

Service Website:

<http://www.niccass.ca/vrb>

Email:

vrb@niccss.ca

Last Verified: 2018-02-27

- Loans may be used for security deposits, rent, and essential utilities such as hydro and gas.
- Maximum loan amount can be up to \$1300 for a single person, and \$1800 for a family.
- Maximum repayment period is 24 months, and payments are made through automatic withdrawal.
- Applicants must be aged 19 and over, a resident of the City of Vancouver, have a steady source of income, qualify as low income, have legal status in Canada, and have an existing bank account. Applicants must provide proof of income, statements of expenses, two pieces of valid identification, and proof of tenancy. Also offers tools to better manage limited financial resources. Serves Vancouver. Office hours vary; drop-in hours are 12 pm to 3 pm Tuesdays.

Cooperative Housing Federation of BC (CHFBC)

Service Description

Agency Description

Association representing housing co-ops in BC. Provides member co-ops with support, education, resources, consultation/mediation, news updates, advocacy, and group buying. Also provides an online directory of all BC housing co-ops. **Service Info**

Organization Info

Phone:

604-879-5111

Alt. Phone:

1-866-879-5111

Fax:

604-879-4611

Organization Website:

<http://www.chf.bc.ca>

General Email:

info@chf.bc.ca

- **Administers two programs that provide interest-free loans to help cover the cost of co-op membership shares, payable upon acceptance as a member of a housing co-op: the Co-op Housing Disability Trust, for individuals with permanent disabilities, and the Domestic Violence Relief Fund, for women leaving abusive relationships. Office hours are 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.**

**Housing Rental Assistance Program
Provided by: Pacific Community
Resources Society (PCRS)**

Service Info

Phone:

604-709-5720

Fax:

604-709-5721

Service Website:

<http://www.pcrs.ca/our-services/housing-rental-assistance-program>

Email:

byrc@pcrs.ca

Last Verified: 2018-07-30

- **Service Description**
- **Provides youth ages 16 to 24 with temporary financial assistance while attending training, school, or work. Offers a monthly subsidy of up to \$250 for a maximum of 18 months that helps to pay rent, utilities, or transportation costs. Also assigns youth with a support worker to assist with budgeting and life skills. Serves residents of the lower mainland. Support workers are available from 2 pm to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Funded by BC Housing.**

Seniors' Homelessness Services
Provided by: Hollyburn Family
Services

Service Info

Phone:

604-987-8211

Fax:

604-987-8122

Service Website:

http://society.hollyburn.ca/seniors_and_housing.php

Email:

info@hollyburn.ca

Last Verified: 2018-11-28

• **Service Description**

- Provides outreach and in-office support to older adults, age 55 and older who are homeless or at risk of losing their home.
- Services include assistance with eviction prevention, searching for suitable and affordable housing, helping to complete application forms, arranging for income support, and financial management.
- Also offers life and social skills development, nutrition support, elder abuse awareness, mentorship training, community engagement opportunities, and connections to community resources such as mental health care or primary health care.
- **Small emergency subsidies are available to stabilize housing crises.**
- Referral accepted from self or other. Office hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Funded in part by BC Housing

Esther Dayson Rent Subsidy Program
Provided by: Tikva Housing Society

Service Info

Phone:

778-998-4582

Fax:

604-257-5110

Service Website:

<http://tikvahousing.org/projects/esther-dayson-rent-subsidy-program/>

Email:

info@tikvahousing.org

Last Verified: 2018-04-16

- **Service Description**
- **Provides eligible low-income singles and families with financial assistance towards their monthly rent.**
- **Funds are limited; priority is given to Jewish applicants, and an interview, along with proof of income and copy of rental lease agreement, is required to establish level of need.**

**Homeless Prevention Program
Provided by: BC Housing**

Service Info

Phone:

604-433-2218

Alt. Phone:

1-800-257-7756

Service Website:

http://www.bchousing.org/Options/Emergency_Housing/HPP

Last Verified: 2018-10-03

• Service Description

- Aims to provide people who are at risk of becoming homeless with rent supplements and support services to help them access rental housing in the private market.
- **Serves youth transitioning out of foster care, women who have experienced violence or are at risk of violence, individuals leaving the correctional or hospital systems, or individuals of Indigenous descent.**
- To connect with a program outreach worker, see the website for locations and contact information.

Independent Living BC Program

A subsidized, assisted-living program that provides housing with support services to seniors and people with disabilities.

About the program

Independent Living BC (ILBC) is a subsidized, assisted-living program that provides housing with support services to seniors and people with disabilities.

If you qualify, you could live in your own unit in an [assisted living residence](#). The residences are located in communities across B.C. Each residence has private units, shared dining and social areas, housekeeping services, personal care services and emergency response.

Independent Living BC is a partnership between BC Housing, provincial health authorities, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and non-profit and private-market housing providers. The program's assisted living units provide a middle option between home care and residential care, so individuals can continue to live independently.

Am I Eligible?

To apply, you must speak with a health care worker at a health authority to receive a referral. He or she will review your needs, complete an assessment and put you on a waiting list for a unit if you are eligible.

If you do not meet the health authority's criteria for assisted living but would like to access housing with meals and support services, see the [Seniors' Supportive Housing](#) program.

Cost

Expect to pay 70 per cent of your after-tax income, plus a hydro surcharge.

Your financial contribution includes accommodation, hospitality services and personal care services.

**Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters
(SAFER)**

Provided by: BC Housing

Service Info

Phone:

604-433-2218

Alt. Phone:

1-800-257-7756

Fax:

604-439-4729

Service Website:

[http://www.bchousing.org/Options/
Rental_market/SAFER](http://www.bchousing.org/Options/Rental_market/SAFER)

Last Verified: 2018-07-24

• Service Description

- Provides monthly payments to subsidize rents of eligible BC seniors aged 60 or over with low to moderate incomes.**
- Eligible seniors have lived in British Columbia for 12 months prior to applying; meet citizenship requirements; pay more than 30% of gross monthly household income towards rent;**
- do not live in subsidized housing or a residential care facility funded by the Ministry of Health;**
- do not live in co-operative housing; do not receive income assistance; and do not have a gross monthly income exceeding a certain amount (see website for details).**

Rental Assistance Program
Provided by: BC Housing

Service Info

Phone:

604-433-2218

Alt. Phone:

1-800-257-7756

Fax:

604-439-4729

Service Website:

[http://www.bchousing.org/Options/
Rental_market/RAP](http://www.bchousing.org/Options/Rental_market/RAP)

Last Verified: 2018-07-24

- **Service Description**
- **Provides cash assistance to eligible low-income working families to help with their monthly rent payments.**
- **Families must have a gross annual household income of \$40,000 or less,**
- **have at least one dependent child, have less than \$100,000 in assets,**
- **have filed income tax returns, currently pay more than 30 percent of household income towards rent,**
- **have lived in BC for 12 months prior to application,**
- **receive some or all of household income from employment,**
- **do not receive income assistance,**
- **and do not live in subsidized or co-operative housing.**

**Mental Health Programs and Services
Provided by: Progressive Housing
Society**

Service Info

Phone:

604-522-9669 Local 302

Fax:

604-522-4081

Service Website:

<http://www.progressivehousing.net>

Email:

jdonaldson@progressivehousing.net

Last Verified: 2018-07-31

- **Service Description**
- **Provides services to people with serious and persistent mental illnesses, so that they can live as independently as possible, in an affordable residential environment of choice**, compatible with their individual needs.
- Focus is on assisting clients in developing and maintaining skills, and accessing community resources in order to enhance their recovery.
- **There is a range of housing and service options, including community living support services, rental subsidies, and shared housing with subsidized rents.**
- The **Supported Independent Living Program** helps clients find apartments and provides ongoing support services.

Seniors Rent Bank

Provided by: Chimo Community Services

Service Info

Phone:

604-279-7170

Fax:

604-279-7075

Service Website:

<http://www.richmondrentalconnect.ca/for-tenants/seniors-rent-bank>

Email:

nmckinstry@chimoservices.com

Last Verified: 2018-07-09

- **Service Description**
- **Offers short-term rental assistance to people ages 55 and older who are at risk of eviction or essential utility disconnection due to temporary shortage of funds or financial crisis.**
- **Financial assistance may also be available for a damage or pet deposit, if the person is homeless or living in unsafe or unsuitable housing.**
- **Also connects individuals to programs or services that help them live independently and better manage financial resources.**
- Assistance is assessed on individual case, and is dependent on funding availability.
- Eligibility requirements and application forms can be found on website. Call ahead to arrange interpretation in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Punjabi.

Homeless Prevention Program (HPP)
**Provided by: Howe Sound Women's
Centre Society**

Service Info

Phone:

604-892-5748

Fax:

604-892-5749

Service Website:

<http://www.hswc.ca>

Email:

psh@hswc.ca

Last Verified: 2018-01-23

- **Service Description**
- **Provides rent supplements and support services to women in the Sea to Sky corridor who are fleeing violence, homeless, or at risk of homelessness.**
- Also offers information on other housing subsidies, referrals to housing options, and support services to aid in securing housing.
- The Sea to Sky corridor includes Lions Bay, Mount Currie, Squamish, Pemberton, and Whistler.

Sources Rent Bank (aka Surrey Rent Bank)

Provided by: Sources Community Resource Centres (aka Sources Community Resources Society)

- **Service Description**

- Provides emergency loans to low-income individuals and families to help them avoid becoming homeless and/or having their utilities disconnected.
- Serves applicants renting in Delta, Surrey, or White Rock. Also works alongside clients to improve their financial literacy through budget planning, workshops, and referrals to community services.
- Hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.