

At the February 21, 2024 Westside Seniors Hub Partners' meeting that featured Vancouver's housing crisis, many resources were referenced by speakers. For your information and for potential collective action by Hub members,

WSH Council has prepared a list of the federal, provincial, and municipal programs and projects mentioned in that meeting.

Federal programs/projects: Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation

CMHC Rental Market Report – January 31, 2024

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/housing-markets-data-and-research/market-reports/rental-market-reports-major-centres>

CMHC Canada Housing Accelerator Fund Progress

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/housing-accelerator-fund/housing-accelerator-fund-progress>

“Discover the initiatives being funded through Housing Accelerator Fund and stay up to date on the latest developments.” **Vancouver** – December 15, 2023 “...the federal government has reached an agreement with the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, to fast-track over 3,200 new housing units over the next three years.”

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/12/15/removing-barriers-to-build-more-homes-faster-vancouver>

CMHC Community Land Trust for Affordable Housing

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/nhs/nhs-project-profiles/2021-nhs-projects/creation-community-land-trust-affordable-housing>

“This project includes a framework for local government to work with institutional and other land-owning partners to use partner-owned surplus land to create housing... a new tool to create affordable housing... Surplus land owned by partners will be used for municipal housing projects while providing additional funding for the institutional partner... A project toolkit and guide for municipal and non-traditional community land trust partnerships”

Numerous CMHC funding programs for affordable housing initiatives – summary table

<https://bc.healthyagingcore.ca/funding-opportunities/canada-wide-canadian-mortgage-and-housing-corporation-funding-programs>

Canada-wide projects

Architects Against Housing Alienation (AAHA)

<https://aaha.ca/en/page/collective>

“Architects Against Housing Alienation (AAHA) is a collective formed in 2021 that started *Not for Sale!* as a campaign to end housing alienation. We believe that the current housing system in c\ a\ n\ a\ d\ a must be abolished.” Manifesto: <https://aaha.ca/en/page/aaha-manifesto>

AAHA co-founder Matthew Soules’s 2021 book *Icebergs, Zombies, and the Ultra Thin: Architecture and Capitalism in the Twenty-first Century* “demonstrates how investment imperatives shape what and how we build on a global scale.”

<https://sala.ubc.ca/people/matthew-soules/>

Canada HomeShare™

<https://www.canadahomeshare.com/>

“The only national, not-for-profit home sharing program in Canada, Canada HomeShare™ is an innovative intergenerational housing solution that supports aging in place while providing safe and affordable housing solutions. Through a comprehensive online platform powered by Happipad, we help older home providers match with a post-secondary student or other senior looking to rent a spare room. “

Locations: Like many Canadian communities, “Vancouver accepting applications soon.”

Province-wide programs/projects

BC Builds

<https://www.bcbuildshomes.ca/>

“BC Builds uses government, community and non-profit owned land, low-cost financing, and grants to lower construction costs, speed up timelines, and deliver more homes that middle-income British Columbians can afford.”

“For renters in BC...For government, non-profit, and community land owners who want rental housing on land they own...For residential and housing operators who want to build or operate rental housing.”

BC Non-Profit Housing Association

<https://bcnpha.ca>

“We strengthen BC’s non-profit housing sector through **advocacy, education and support.**”

Metro Vancouver, City of Vancouver, Victoria programs/projects

Metro Vancouver 2050: Regional Growth Strategy

<https://metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/metro-2050-the-regional-growth-strategy>

“It is the regional federation’s...shared vision of how projected population, housing, and job growth will be managed over the next 30 years. The strategy considers significant drivers of change in the region and integrates closely with [Transport 2050](#), the Regional Transportation Strategy.”

Metro Vancouver Housing

<https://metrovancover.org/services/regional-planning/metro-2050-the-regional-growth-strategy>

“Our sites...What We Do...Our vision...Collaborations & Partnerships...Housing Leadership”

Metro Vancouver 10-Year Housing Plan (2019)

“...provides a vision and framework to guide how Metro Vancouver Housing will provide, preserve, and expand affordable housing in the region.”

Hey Neighbour Collective (HNC) - Building Social Connections

<https://heyneighbourcollective.ca>

“ HNC and Happy Cities are co-leading a project from July 2023 to June 2024 ...in six jurisdictions in Metro Vancouver to co-create new design policies to support wellbeing for residents in multi-unit housing...We bring together housing providers, non-profits, researchers, local and regional governments, housing associations and health authorities. Together with residents of multi-unit housing, we experiment with and learn about ways of alleviating loneliness and social isolation while building capacity for neighbourly support and mutual aid.”

Five Practice Guides with...key learnings about the vital roles that each of these groups can play in fostering neighbour-to-neighbour connectedness and social resilience in multi-unit housing. <https://www.heyneighbourcollective.ca/resources/>

SFU Renewable Cities' Housing Solutions Lab

<https://renewablecities.ca/housing-solutions-lab>

“More than half of single detached homes in Canada are occupied by only one or two people, and older adults represent a large portion of this... SFU's Housing Solutions Lab aims to co-create a roadmap for solutions that build social connection, address housing affordability, offer options for aging in place and positively benefit the climate...a partnership with Hollyburn Community Services Society.” 2022-March 2024 **Archive of pre-pilot community engagement project** to become available on UWBC CORE Healthy Aging website in March 2024.”

Abbeyfield Houses of Vancouver Society

<https://www.abbeyfieldvancouver.com>

“Abbeyfield is a retirement home with a difference – an affordable small-scale, family-style home with a live-in House Coordinator, providing full room and board for seniors who no longer want to live alone but do want to remain as independent as possible.”

City of Vancouver, Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee (OPEAC)

<https://vancouver.ca/your-government/older-persons-and-elders-advisory-committee.aspx>

“The mandate of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for older persons and elders to fully participate in City services and civic life (until 2023 known as Seniors' Advisory Committee)...Virtual meetings use Cisco WebEx Events. No software download is required...A link to join the live meeting broadcast is posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting.”

Victoria Housing Strategy – former Mayor, Lisa Helps

<https://lisahelpscities.ca/my-portfolio/#housing>

“When elected Mayor in 2014, created a Mayor’s Housing Affordability Task Force to help staff develop a ten-year housing strategy to accelerate the creation of all forms of housing in Victoria. Worked with staff and Council to refresh the strategy in 2019, with a focus on renters and affordable housing.”

“Housing Initiatives...Homelessness Initiatives...Housing Reserve Funds...Renters Resources”

<https://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/housing>

Current potential funding sources for collaborative projects/services**SPARC BC**

<https://www.sparc.bc.ca/partnerships/provincial-homelessness-grants/>

“One-time funding for local planning and collaborative initiatives designed to better respond to the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Funding supports community-based action including demonstration projects, partnerships, research and other collaborative efforts.”

CMHC Canada Greener Affordable Housing

“...helps affordable housing providers complete deep energy retrofits on existing multi-unit residential buildings.”

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/canada-greener-affordable-housing-program>

Retrofit Funding Program “For deep energy retrofits that will reduce rental buildings energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Now accepting applications on a continuous basis until the available funding has been fully committed.”

BC Rental Protection Fund – news release January 12, 2023

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023PREM0002-000023>

“The Rental Protection Fund will provide one-time capital grants to non-profit housing organizations so they can purchase affordable residential rental buildings and ownership co-operatives listed for sale to protect the renters who are living there and safeguard those rental units for the longer term.”

Rental Protection Fund administration

<https://rentalprotectionfund.ca/about>

“Applicant Inquiries...Impact & Investments...Fund Delivery...Finance & Accounting”