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## FACTSHEET

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### **Investments to Help End Homelessness: Fraser Region**

Last fiscal year, approximately \$183 million was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than 27,600 low-income individuals, seniors and families across the Fraser Region.

#### **Highlights**

In the last year, the following affordable and supportive apartments were officially opened in the Fraser region to help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness:

- [Maxxine Wright Centre](#), Surrey – The final phase opened to provide 24 apartments of transitional housing to women with children in Surrey. This builds on phase one, which provided 12 short-term shelter beds.

#### **Emerging Projects**

In the next few years, approximately 260 units are expected to be completed under local government partnerships, including:

- Surrey – [Quibble Creek Health and Phoenix Transition Housing Centre](#) with 52 supportive housing units, 15 short-term transitional recovery beds and 25 beds for men and women requiring 24-hour recovery and assessment services.
- Maple Ridge – Construction has started for a development on Brown Ave., which will create 45 units of supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Abbotsford – Construction is expected to be complete by spring 2012 on [a development on Clearbrook Rd.](#) with 41 units for single women or women with children at risk of homelessness.

#### **Emergency Shelters and Homeless Outreach**

- There are 272 shelter beds available year-round in the Fraser Region. Total annual funding is close to \$11 million.
- Last year, approximately 520 homeless persons were provided with stable housing through the [Homeless Outreach Program](#) and [Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Program](#) through teams in Burnaby, Maple Ridge, the Tri-Cities, Surrey, Delta, Langley, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, New Westminster, Mission and Hope.

#### **Rent Supplements**

- Rental assistance under the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program helps over 5,200 seniors' households in the region with subsidies, through \$9.8 million in annual funding.
- To help keep housing affordable, over 3,850 low-income working families in the region receive a combined total of close to \$18 million in annual subsidies for rental assistance in the private market through the Rental Assistance Program.