
FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Energy and Mines
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Investments to Help End Homelessness: Interior Region

Last fiscal year, approximately \$90 million was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than 13,500 low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Interior Region.

Highlights

In the last year, nearly 160 affordable and/or supportive apartments were officially opened in the Interior Region for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including:

- [Crossroads Inn](#) (Kamloops) – Renovated and re-opened to provide 50 apartments of transitional and supportive housing.
- [Tutt Street Place](#) (Kelowna) – Provides 39 supportive apartments for women, or women with children, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- [Willowbridge](#) (Kelowna) With 40 studio apartments with integrated support services.
- [Foxridge](#) (Salmon Arm) Provides 28 apartments of supportive housing to house people who are homeless or who have mental health issues.
- White Buffalo Lodge (Kelowna) - In partnership with the City, the lodge was renovated and converted from a former motor inn into 39 temporary affordable apartments for youth, families, elders and people at risk of homelessness.

Emerging Projects

In the next few years, approximately 160 units are expected to be completed, including:

- Kelowna – In partnership with the City of Kelowna, [New Gate Apartments](#) is scheduled for completion early next year with 49 supportive housing units.
- Kamloops – Renovations are underway for a former inn on Seymour St., which will provide 35 co-ed shelter beds and 11 supportive housing units for people at risk of homelessness.

Emergency Shelters and Homeless Outreach

- There are 233 beds available year-round throughout the Region. Total annual funding is over \$9.4 million.
- Last year, approximately 850 homeless individuals were provided with stable housing through the [Homeless Outreach Program](#) and [Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Program](#) that operates in Kamloops, Kelowna, Williams Lake, Vernon, Cranbrook, Penticton, Revelstoke, Nelson and Merritt.

Rent Supplements

- The Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program helps close to 3,200 seniors' households in the region with subsidies, through close to \$6 million in annual funding.
- To help keep housing affordable, close to 1,300 low-income working families in the region receive a combined total of approximately \$6 million in annual subsidies for rental assistance in the private market through the Rental Assistance Program.