Finding A Way Home

More than 12% of BC's Homeless Population is in Greater Victoria.

The B.C. Government budgeted $291 million to build temporary modular housing throughout the province. Over 2,000 units have already been allocated, in which Victoria only received 21 of the 2,000 units.

It's not too late, there is still funding available from the B.C. Government.

Victoria has several experienced non-profit housing providers ready to handle the project from here.

Our complex geography and lack of clear available space poses a major challenge; however, we have identified several promising sites.

Source: "Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness." B.C. Housing. Accessed January 15th, 2019. www.bchousing.org/publications/Building-BC-Rapid-Response-Homelessness-Map.pdf

Figure 1

DISTRIBUTION OF HOMELESSNESS ACROSS BC [3]

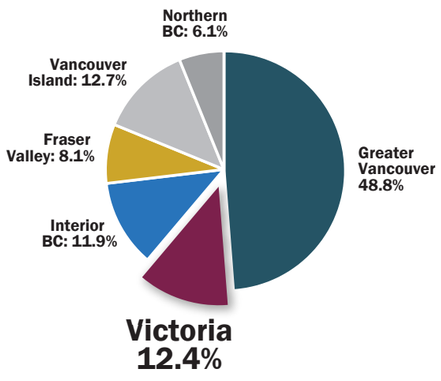
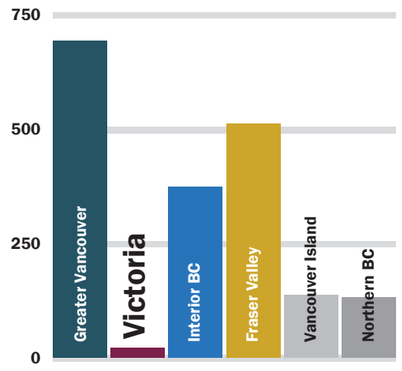


Figure 2

DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING PROJECTS [3]



Source (Figs. 1 & 2): "2018 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C." Homelessness Services Association of B.C. (2018). Accessed March 20, 2019. http://hsa-bc.ca/research-resources/2018-homeless-count/

HOMELESSNESS IN GREATER VICTORIA

What we've learned

FROM 6 UNIQUE CASE STUDIES

1 TINY TOWN IN THE SUNSHINE VALLEY

Private land in near Hope has been designated exempt from zoning and building bylaws creating a community of tiny homes which are sold with 999 year leases.

2 MODULAR HOUSING IN YALE FIRST NATIONS

The members of the Yale First Nations partnered with Passive House Canada and Britco Construction to build energy efficient, well priced homes to address their housing affordability challenges.

3 SPRUNG SHELTERS IN TORONTO

Sprung Shelters are designed to quickly provide safe and secure accommodation for up to 100 people in a variety of environments.

4 HOMES FOR HEROES IN CALGARY

In Calgary, Homes for Heroes created 20 modular tiny homes to form a village, which includes a resource centre staffed by the Mustard Seed.

5 DIGNITY VILLAGE IN PORTLAND

Funded by low monthly fees and resident micro-businesses, Dignity Village in Portland was formed in an industrial area in response to a need for community.

6 HOUSING FIRST IN FINLAND

The principle of Housing First was the foundation for a long-term solution in Finland which also supports people with other assistance with employment, mental health and addiction.

1,525 individuals are homeless as of 2018

93.7% want permanent housing

39.4% first experienced homelessness as youth

33% are Indigenous

6.8% are veterans

19.4% are over 55

78.8% have been homeless f or more than 6 months

Vacancy rate is **1.2%**

$1,170 average rent

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THE 12 CRITERIA OF COMMUNITY READINESS

1. PUBLIC TRANSPORT
2. SITE UNIT AMOUNT
3. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
4. SITE VISIBILITY
5. HEALTH MEDICAL SERVICES
6. GROCERY STORES
7. AMENITIES
8. CHILDREN EDUCATION
9. BANKING SERVICES
10. LOW INCOME HOUSING IN THE AREA
11. COST OF LAND
12. NIMBY-ISM IN THE AREA

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Please see Leadership Victoria 2018/2019's CLDP Report for more information.