

# HOUSING MATTERS BC

## Meeting Housing Needs in BC - Challenges and Best Practices

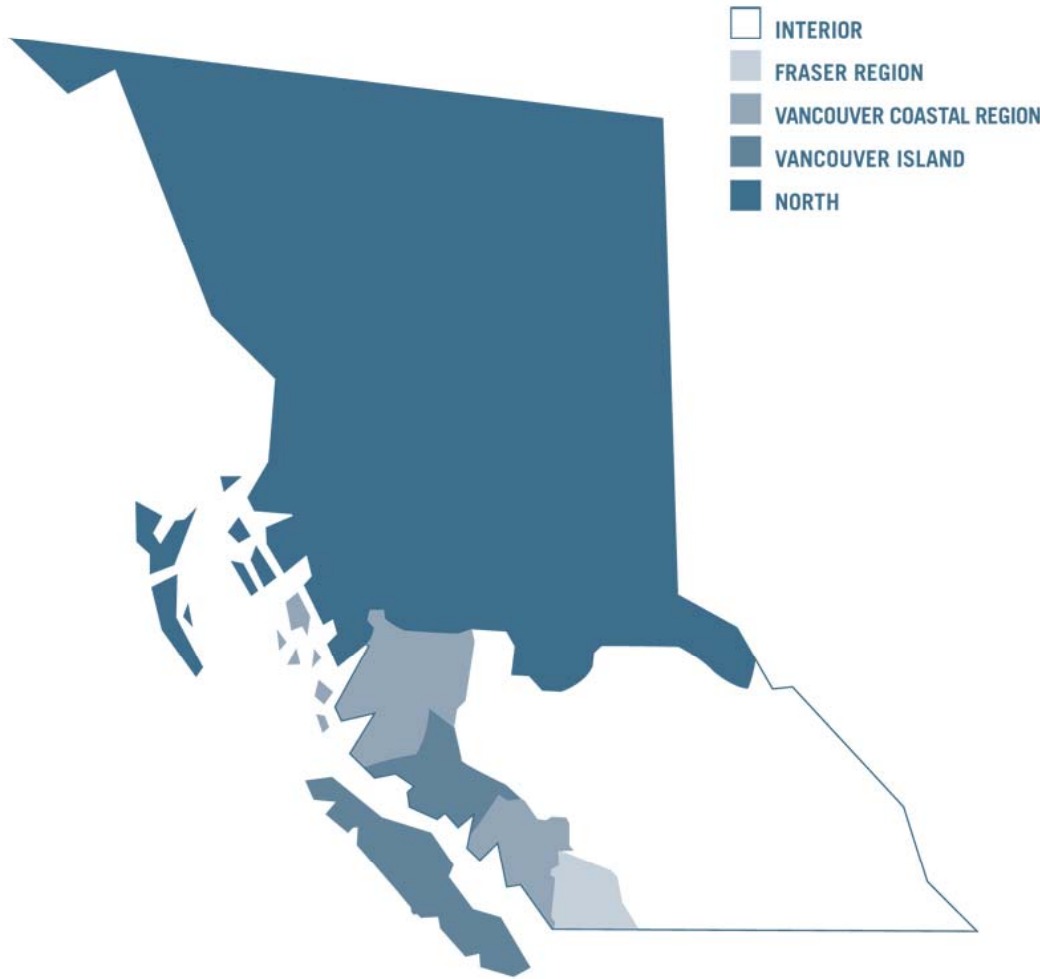
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# Context



<sup>1</sup>Based on 2001 Census data (Note: 2006 Census data is not yet available.)

<b>VANCOUVER COASTAL REGION</b>	
Total number of households <sup>1</sup>	380,770
Households spending > 50% of their income on rent	23,000
Households assisted through subsidized housing	32,430
<b>FRASER REGION</b>	
Total number of households <sup>1</sup>	472,485
Households spending > 50% of their income on rent	19,200
Households assisted through subsidized housing	26,010
<b>INTERIOR</b>	
Total number of households <sup>1</sup>	291,125
Households spending > 50% of their income on rent	12,000
Households assisted through subsidized housing	17,120
<b>NORTH</b>	
Total number of households <sup>1</sup>	93,055
Households spending > 50% of their income on rent	4,000
Households assisted through subsidized housing	8,340
<b>VANCOUVER ISLAND</b>	
Total number of households <sup>1</sup>	225,850
Households spending > 50% of their income on rent	11,000
Households assisted through subsidized housing	14,770

# The Housing Continuum

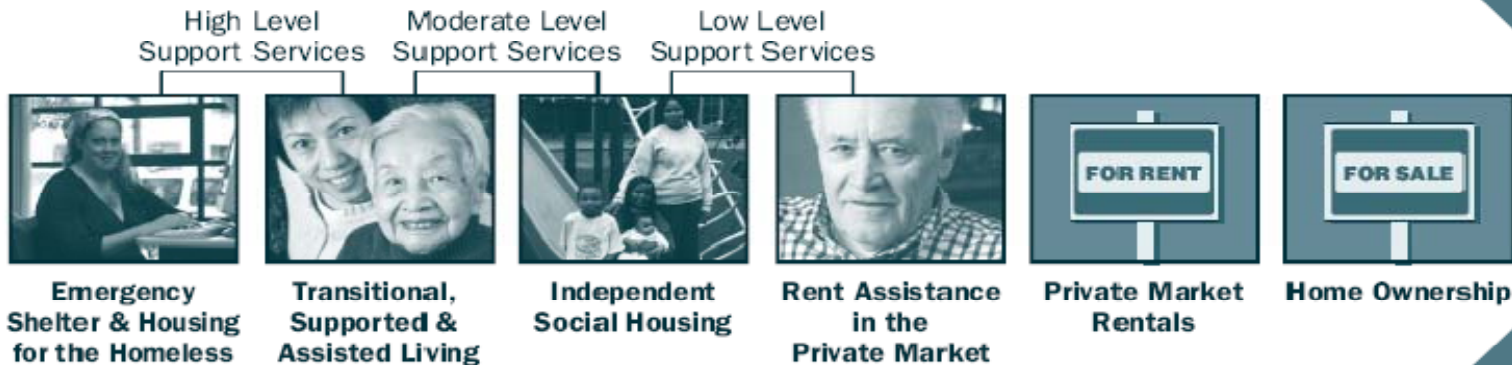
## HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED BY THE CONTINUUM OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

**Dependent**

**Independent**

**Government-Assisted Housing**

(Accounts for almost 6% of the province's total housing stock)



3,680 homeless individuals assisted including:

- 1,190 homeless potentially served nightly in shelters
- 2,490 homeless housed

17,460 individuals assisted including:

- 14,430 people with special needs
- 3,030 frail seniors\*

43,760 households assisted including:

- 23,880 low-income seniors
- 17,350 low-income families
- 2,530 Aboriginal families and individuals

19,020 households assisted (primarily seniors)

*\*This includes approximately 1,380 seniors receiving assistance under ILBC living in the private market.*

# Housing Matters - 6 Key Strategies

1. The homeless have access to stable housing with integrated support services
2. B.C.'s most vulnerable citizens receive priority for assistance
3. Aboriginal housing need is addressed
4. Low-income households have improved access to affordable rental housing
5. Homeownership is supported as an avenue to self-sufficiency
6. B.C.'s housing and building regulatory system is safe, stable and efficient

# BC Housing - Who We Are - What We Do

BC Housing is a crown agency with autonomy to:

- Administer housing programs and services
- Manage existing public housing stock and group homes
- Facilitate new supply of affordable housing
- Finance affordable housing

# BC Housing - Development Initiatives

➤ Supportive Seniors

Housing

➤ Independent Living BC

➤ Provincial Homelessness

Initiative

➤ Aboriginal Housing

Initiative

➤ Pre-Development Funding

➤ Housing Endowment Fund

➤ Memorandum of

Understanding

# Challenges - Aboriginal Housing

- 292 units - \$50.9 million Aboriginal Housing Initiative
- Helping Aboriginal authorities build capacity to manage 2,300 housing units for Aboriginal people living off reserve
- Providing funding support for Elders Lodges
- \$500,000 for Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Program

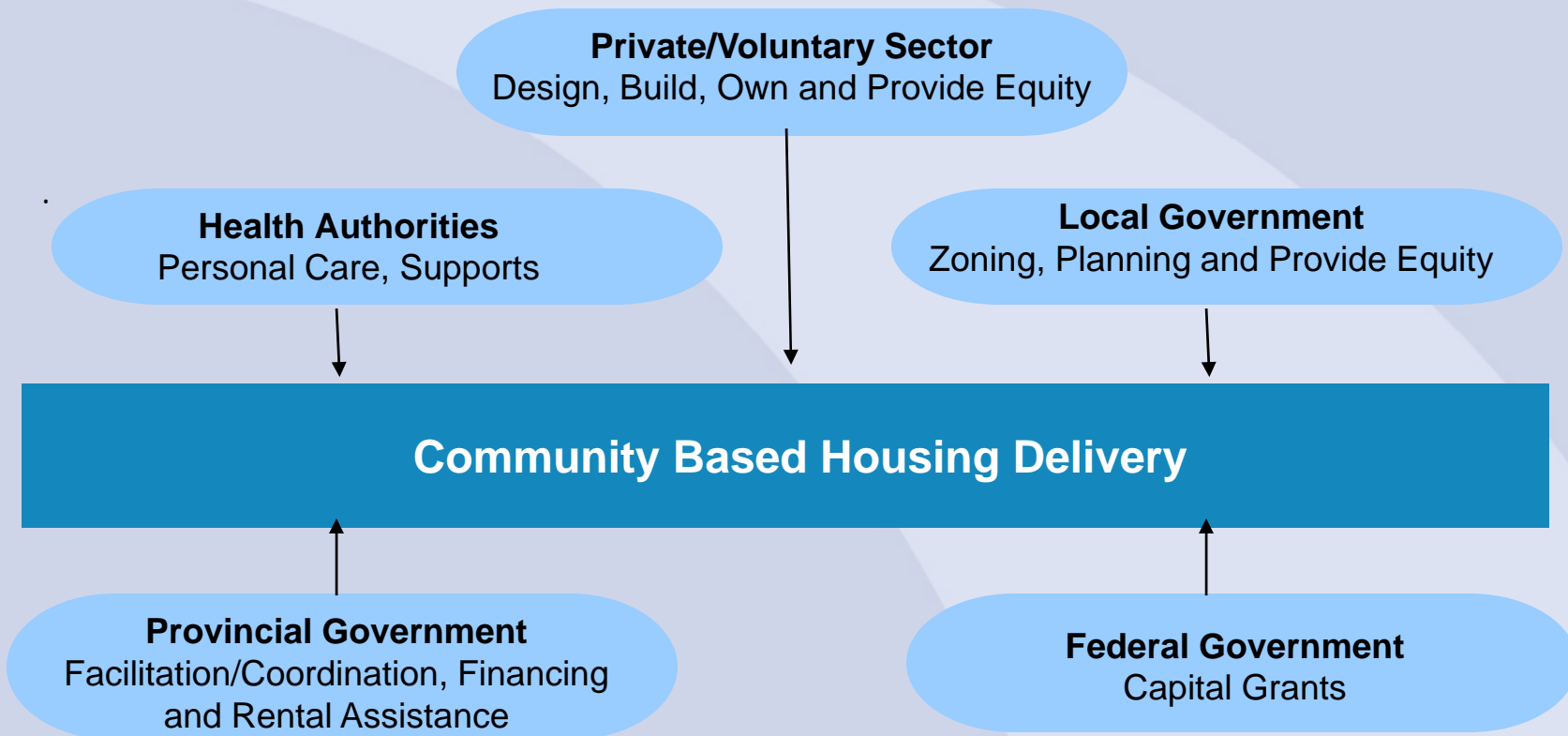
# Challenges - Family Housing

## Priorities:

- Homeless
- Hard to House
- Mental Illness
- Addictions
- Frail Elderly
- Aboriginal



# Best Practice - Partnership Model



# Best Practice - Society Led Housing

- Close to community - not perceived as government
- Uses local knowledge to enhance project
- Willing to contribute financially
- Takes on development risk
- Provides a greater diversity of housing
- Supported by a professional association
- Creates pressure for political support for affordable housing
- Musters community support

# Best Practice - Memorandum of Understanding

## Municipalities

- Land
- Fee Waivers
- Tax Exemptions
- Expedited Processes

## Province

- Pre-Development Funds
- Co-ordination
- 24/7 staff
- Non-Profit Providers

Support

# Best Practice - Housing Endowment Fund

HEF established by the Province of B.C. with a \$250 million capital endowment

Annual investment revenue of approximately \$10 million is allocated on an ongoing basis to encourage new ideas and support innovative housing solutions for British Columbians most in need

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