



Issue Update

NON-PROFIT HOUSING PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

Premier Gordon Campbell and Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services George Abbott announced today that the government will help fund close to 700 new units of non-profit housing across the province.

Twenty non-profit societies will develop 697 units of housing with a collective worth of about \$100 million. The projects will be situated in different parts of the province including Langford, Lillooet, Williams Lake and Vancouver.

These units were approved following a review by the ministry of all proposals for units under consideration by BC Housing. According to the government press release this review took into consideration who the client group was, contributions that would be made by partners, and other unspecified criteria.

Funding for housing programs have has been increased by government from \$136 million in 2001-2002 to \$142 million in 2002-2003.

There are 10 projects slated for the lower mainland, including Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Surrey; one project for Williams Lake; four in the Southern Interior including Trail, Penticton, Lillooet, and Vernon; and five on Vancouver Island including Esquimalt, Victoria, Langford and Nanaimo.

Further details on the projects can be obtained on the government website for the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services:
www.gov.bc.ca/mcaaws/

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