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Years

Celebrating 85 years of empowering
women and their families

Elizabeth Fry Society of the Greater Vancouver

- Non profit, community based organization
- Provide support to women, girls and children at risk, involved in or affected by the justice system
- More than 30 programs
- Break the cycle of poverty, addiction, mental illness, homelessness and crime



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Vision

To have stronger communities by ensuring women and children impacted by crime

Provide access to supports necessary to build positive futures

Provide more positive interventions than incarceration



Legacy Manor



Legacy Manor

37 unit supported
housing program

Women live
independently and have
access to staff for support
and case planning

For women seeking
an abstinence
focused environment

Support workers provide awake
management of the site and
ensure wellbeing of clients

Who Are We and What Do We Do

Supportive

- Meals
- Laundry
- Conflict Resolution
- Problem Solving
- Case Management
- Resources and Referrals
- Life Skills

Housing

- Affordable
- Safe
- Furnished
- Protection from Eviction



Client Goals-Short Term

- Food security
- Housing security
- Financial stability
- Community reintegration
- Life skills development
- Healthy lifestyle development



Client Goals-Long Term

- Positive reintegration into the community
- Health and wellness including physical/mental health and addiction recovery
- Transition from the supportive housing program to a permanent, affordable and stable housing





EFry Supported Rent Supplement Program

Part of Canada's Homelessness Strategy



Introduction

The EFry Supported Rent Supplement Program is a community-based program which is part of Canada's Homelessness Strategy aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada.

This program provides funding to urban, Indigenous, rural and remote communities to help them address their local homelessness needs with the goal of **reducing chronic homelessness by 50% in 10 years (2028)**.



Target Audience

The program provides support for **women and women led families** to obtain and maintain their housing. We believe that when working with clients on their housing goals, housing should be guided by the principle of consumer choice and self-determination.

This program is able to understand and work with individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness due to **disability, colonization, trauma and/or whose social, cultural, economic, and political positions place them in poverty**. The goal of this program is to promote recovery by ending homelessness and collaborating with clients on their goals.

Program Components

The Supported Housing Subsidy Program has **two components**: A monthly rental supplement of up to \$600 and access to additional supports such as:

- Health care
- Income and employment services
- Life-skills training
- Cultural supports
- Food-security supports



Eligibility Criteria

Eligible participants:

- Be homeless (absolute or relative) or at-risk of homelessness
- Fall within a vulnerable population, including:
 - Women experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Those sheltering outdoors, in encampments, in emergency shelters, SROs, supportive recovery houses, leaving correctional or treatment facilities, with no return address, moving between temporary housing, or without their own rooms or options for self-isolation
- Be willing to access support from a community agency to address any outstanding barriers to finding and maintaining housing
- Live or intend to live in Abbotsford, British Columbia
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, refugee sponsored by the Government of Canada, or an individual who has applied for refugee status (neither the recipient nor their spouse can be under private sponsorship, except where BC Housing has accepted that private sponsorship has broken down)
- Reside in an approved residence that is their primary residence and where they pay more than 30% of their gross monthly income towards the rent

Eligible Residences

The following residences are eligible for **up to \$600.00 monthly subsidy payments**:

- Self-contained apartments or suites where the Residential Tenancy Act applies, including shared rental situations
- Community housing where the development or unit is not receiving ongoing subsidy
- Manufactured homes where the recipient pays rent for the home or pad (site), or both
- Co-ops where the recipient is a tenant and has signed a tenancy agreement (not a shareholder)

Ineligible Residences

The following property types **are not eligible**:

- Any residence where the rent is subsidized or paid by the government at any level
- Units that are part of a development receiving government housing assistance
- Co-op housing where any individual living in the residence is a shareholder
- A home owned by the recipient, other than a manufactured home where the recipient pays rent for the pad (site)
- Private assisted living or any residence where the recipient pays room and board
- Any residence where the landlord is the provider administering the housing benefit to the recipient

Income Limits

Gross household income must not exceed the following SRSP income limits:

- **Singles or couples without dependents:** Monthly \$2,666.00, Annual \$31,992.00
- **Family* of 4 or less:** Monthly \$3,333.33, Annual \$40,000.00
- **Family of 5 or more:** Monthly \$3,700.00, Annual \$44,400.00

**Family is defined as a household with at least one dependent child.*



Program Process

1. Community Agency Providers identify applicants from the priority group and refer them through the Community Agency Access Table process.
2. Applicant submits completed application and documents.
3. EFry reviews application for eligibility and submits referral to Fraser Health Services for review.
4. Fraser Health reviews the referral and approves if eligibility is met.
5. The Integrated Case Management Team, including Efry, Fraser Health and MSDPR meets the client for an interview and to ensure client is aware of the program services and their needs will be met.

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6. EFry Case Manager initiates Intensive Case Management process and coordinates with Fraser Health to begin supports and services.
7. When client secures housing, Case Manager supports client to submit Intent To Rent and copy of Rental Agreement.
8. Client fills out BC Housing Subsidy Application and submits supporting documentation.
9. EFry sets up direct deposit of the housing benefit to the recipient or owner, if applicable.
10. The first housing benefit is received, and the benefit year commences.
11. Ongoing support continues based on assessed need and eligibility.

Ongoing Support

Types of ongoing support available:

- Indigenous cultural supports and other culturally appropriate services
- Housing supports
- Social, emotional, and community supports
- Personal living supports
- Food security supports

Frequency of eligibility reviews:

- Client support needs are reviewed as needed but not less than **every 90 days (about 3 months)**.
- Ongoing eligibility and needs are evaluated **annually**.

Contact Us

Contact us today to learn more about how we can work together for mutual success.

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