



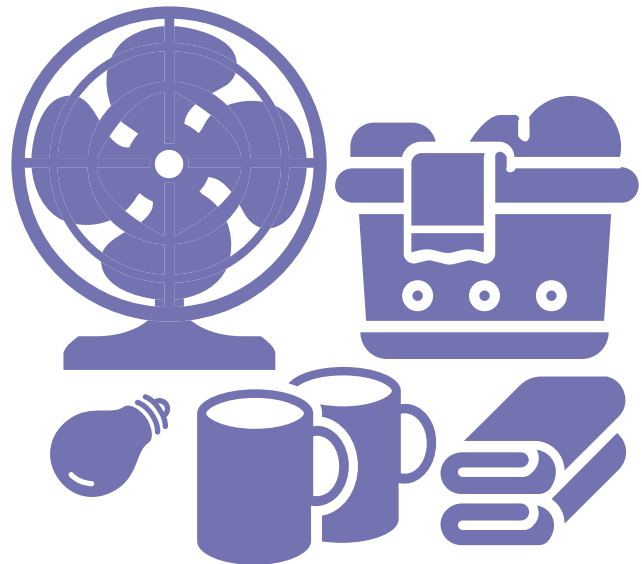
**Welcome home.
You belong here.**



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Welcome Home Kits

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These Welcome Home Kits are funded by the Province of B.C. and are designed to support individuals with a history of homelessness to make a new start in their new home. The kits include kitchen supplies, bedding, and linens, as well as cleaning supplies and other items that can help families and individuals make a new start. The approximate value of the kits is \$450 and our goal in this initial year of the program is to make between 1,800 and 2,000 kits available across B.C.

Project Principles

The following principles have helped to guide the development of this initiative:

- Be responsive and inclusive
- Provide a sense of choice and welcoming
- Recognize that needs may vary across different communities
- Take into consideration the range of needs across the different priority population groups
- Take into consideration geographic differences
- Rely on a distribution model that builds on the strengths of existing community networks

Priority Populations

The following reflect the different priority populations who were identified:

- Families experiencing homelessness or precariously housed
- Seniors experiencing homelessness or precariously housed
- Women fleeing violence
- Men/women/youth staying in emergency shelters or safe houses
- Youth
- LGBTQ2S+
- Indigenous families and individuals
- Persons with disabilities and health and activity limitations
- Individuals with mental health and addictions-related challenges
- Individuals in recovery
- Individuals relying on rent bank or food bank assistance
- Individuals living in housing encampments
- Individuals who are sofa surfing, precariously unhoused
- Individuals leaving jail, hospitals, or other institutions
- Youth aging out of care
- Those who are unhoused and who are without a place to call home
- Others identified through on-going community outreach and engagement

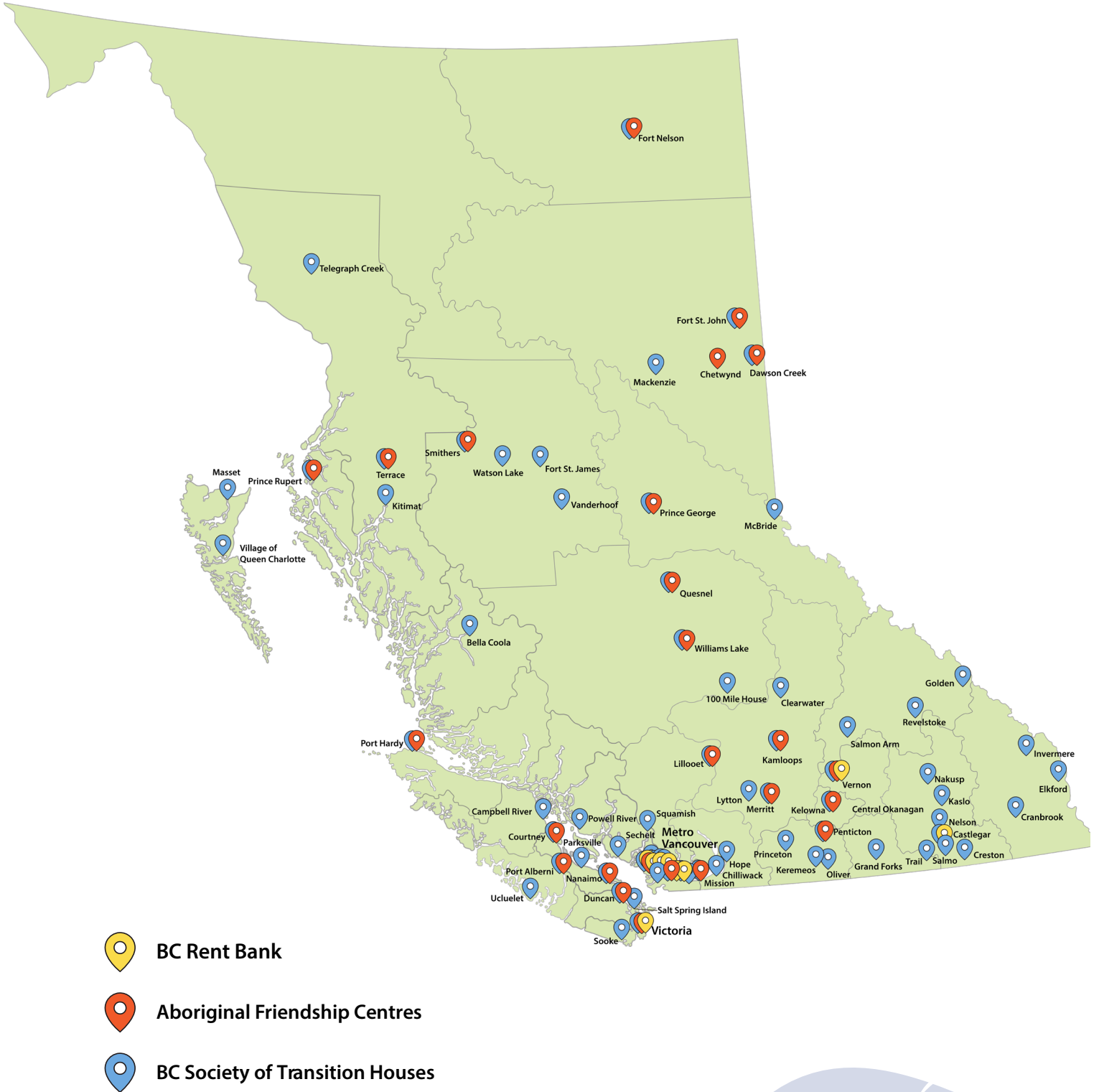
Program Partners

SPARC BC is pleased to have partnerships with the following organizations who have stepped forward to provide advice on the design and delivery of the program. As well, these groups will help to support new and growing partnerships needed to allow for the expansion of the program:

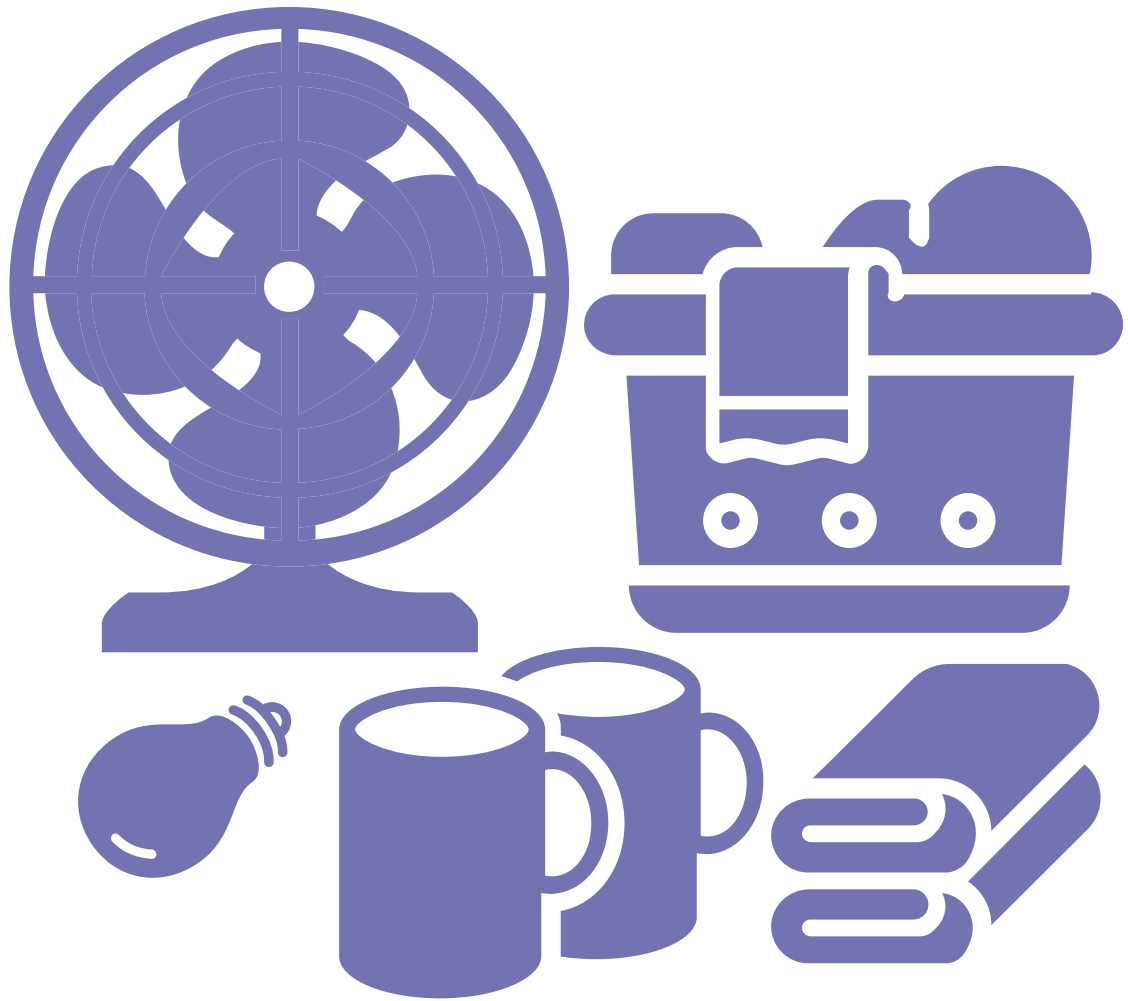
- Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness
- Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society
- BC Rent Bank
- BC Society of Transition Houses
- Campbell River Nurturing Society
- Journey Home Community Association
- The SRO Collaborative

Together these partners provide more than 185 different points of connection across British Columbia. As the program evolves, our goal is to continue to expand the number of communities served as well as the number of partnerships. In putting together these partnerships, our goal is to ensure that there are different points of contact across British Columbia—someone to say “Welcome home, let me know how to help you get settled in.”

Distribution Partners










Items to be included in the Welcome Home Kits



The following is a list of items for inclusion in the kits:






Kitchen

The following utensils and appliances should be included in the Welcome Home Kits:

-  A kettle
-  A slow cooker
-  A toaster
-  A coffee maker
-  Cooking utensils and saucepans
-  A 4-piece set of dishes including mugs
-  A set of cutlery
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____







Bedding and Linens

The following is a list of the bedding and linens that should be included in the Welcome Home Kits:

-  1 double bed sheet set
-  2 pillows and 2 pillowcases
-  2 bath towels and face cloths
-  A laundry basket or hamper
-  A bedside lamp or reading lamp
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____



Cleaning Supplies

The following is a list of the cleaning supplies that should be included in the Welcome Home Kits:

-  Dish cloths and tea towels
-  Dish detergent
-  Laundry detergent
-  Bathroom cleaner
-  A package of lightbulbs
-  A package of paper towels
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

Other Essential Items

The following are other items to consider:

-  A mobile phone for basic communication
-  A fan for air circulation during extreme heat
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

Gift Cards or Other Options

In some cases, individuals may have some of these items already, in which case it is also possible to provide prepaid cards for various businesses or organizations to help secure items that are needed. The specific businesses or organizations where cards are available are listed below. In cases where cards are used, an itemized list of goods purchased should be provided to be included as part of the final evaluation and reporting.

- Walmart
- Home Depot
- London Drugs
- Save-On Foods
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

Our goal is to provide care, support, as well as a sense of choice and dignity to as many individuals as possible as they make the transition into their new home. This includes working to provide assistance in a caring, responsive, and culturally safe way. We will know we will have achieved this goal when those receiving this service tell us it has made a difference. We are also grateful to the many partners who have come together to support this project and to help us achieve our vision.

Evaluation Criteria



Evaluating the Impact

The following information will be collected as the kits are distributed. This information will help us to measure and report on the success of the program as well as identify potential improvements or enhancements for future consideration. Each of the program partners will help to complete the evaluation form for the Welcome Home Kits they helped to distribute.

1	How many Welcome Home Kits were delivered?	Number _____
2	How many communities were covered?	Number _____
3	How many regions were covered?	Number _____
4	Did you focus more on urban or rural communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Both
5	Did you engage other community partners	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6	Which priority populations received Welcome Home Kits?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Families experiencing homelessness or precariously housed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors experiencing homelessness or precariously housed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Women and women and their children fleeing violence	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Men/women/youth staying in emergency shelters or safe houses	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	
	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ2S+	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous families and individuals	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons with disabilities and health and activity limitations	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with mental health and addictions-related challenges	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals in recovery	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals relying on rent bank or food bank assistance	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals living in housing encampments	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals who are sofa-surfing, precariously house or unhoused	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals leaving jails, hospitals, or other institutions	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth aging out of care	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Others _____	

Other Ideas to Share

The following are some brief questions to help report on the success of the program and/or the types of results achieved.

How would you assess the impact of this initiative?

Do you have a specific client story or personal story that comes to mind and that you wish to share?

Are there other items that should be included in future kits?

Do you have any final thoughts or reflections to share?



Allocation of Funding



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The following information was used in allocating the funding for this initiative:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness based on information captured through the Federal and provincial point-in-time counts
- Number of renter households experiencing extreme housing need and who are spending 50% or more of their income on their housing costs
- Connection to existing homelessness outreach programs as well as MSDPR integration teams and specialists
- Connection to existing emergency shelter spaces and transition houses and other types of supports (i.e. rent bank assistance)
- Connection to existing *Reaching Home* communities and community planning tables and Community Advisory Boards
- Alignment with the roll-out of Provincial rent assistance programs and subsidies for individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless
- Communities where the 2021 Census show:
 - An increase in the number of renter households in core housing need
 - An increase of more than 20% between 2016 and 2021 in monthly housing costs

The table on the following page shows the proposed regional distribution of Welcome Kits and the partnerships. To date, nine (9) partnerships have been confirmed with additional outreach planned.

These partnerships translate into the distribution of more than 1,000 Welcome Home Kits.

If you would like to become a partner and help to distribute Welcome Home Kits in your community please send an email to info@sparc.bc.ca or call Lorraine Copas at 604-718-7736.

Proposed Allocation of Funding and Welcome Home Kits by Region and Across Communities

	Reaching Home Community Advisory Boards	BC Service Centres	Income Assistance Offices	Outreach Workers	Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness	Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	BC Rent Bank Program	BC Society of Transition Houses	Campbell River Nurturing Society	Journey Home Society	Right Fit Program (DABC/IFRC)	SRO Collaborative	Total Estimated Number of Welcome Home Kits	Total Estimated Budget
British Columbia (PR) (59) (20000)													1900	\$ 855,000
East Kootenay Regional District	0	4	4	2	0	0	6	2	0	0			15	\$ 6,750
Elkford, DM (District municipality)							1							
Sparwood, DM (District municipality)		1	1				1							
Fernie, CY (City)		1	1	1			1	1						
Cranbrook, CY (City)		1	1	1			1	1						
Kimberley, CY (City)							1							
Invermere, DM (District municipality)		1	1				1							
Radium Hot Springs, VL (Village)														
Canal Flats, VL (Village)														
Central Kootenay Regional District	1	4	4	1	0	0	3	2	0	0			15	\$ 6,750
Creston, T (Town)		1	1				1							
Salmo, VL (Village)														
Nelson, CY (City)	1	1	1	1			1	1						
Slocan, VL (Village)														
Kaslo, VL (Village)		1	1											
Silverton, VL (Village)														
New Denver, VL (Village)														
Castlegar, CY (City)							1	1						
Nakusp, VL (Village)		1	1											

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Kootenay Boundary Regional District	0	2	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0			15	\$ 6,750
Fruitvale, VL (Village)							1							
Montrose, VL (Village)														
Trail, CY (City)		1	1				1							
Warfield, VL (Village)							1							
Rosland, CY (City)							1							
Grand Forks, CY (City)		1	1	1			1							
Midway, VL (Village)														
Greenwood, CY (City)														
Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District	0	3	3	2	0	1	1	2	0	0			35	\$ 15,750
Osoyoos, T (Town)														
Keremeos, VL (Village)														
Oliver, T (Town)		1	1											
Princeton, T (Town)		1	1					1						
Summerland, DM (District municipality)														
Penticton, CY (City)		1	1	2		1	1	1						
Fraser Valley, RD (Regional district)	2	1	4	10	0	1	5	2	0	2			115	\$ 51,750
Hope, DM (District municipality) (CSD)			1	1			1							
Chilliwack, CY (City)	1	1	1	5			1	2						

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Harrison Hot Springs, VL (Village)						1								
Kent, DM (District municipality)														
Abbotsford, CY (City)	1		1	3		1				1				
Mission, DM (District municipality)			1	1		1	1			1				
Metro Vancouver	1	4	16	49	0	2	13	10	22	22			925	\$ 416,250
Langley, DM (District municipality)			1	2					1	1				
Langley, CY (City)								2	1	1				
Surrey, CY (City)		1	3	8		1		3	1	1				
White Rock, CY (City)									1	1				
Delta, CY (City)									1	1				
Richmond, CY (City)			1	1					1	1				
UBC UEL									1	1				
Vancouver, CY (City)	1	1	6	22		1	1	3	1	1				
Burnaby, CY (City)		1	1	2			1	1	1	1				
New Westminster, CY (City)			1	5			1	1	1	1				
Coquitlam, CY (City)							1		1	1				
Belcarra, VL (Village)							1		1	1				
Anmore, VL (Village)							1		1	1				
Port Coquitlam, CY (City)			1	1			1		1	1				

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Port Moody, CY (City)							1	1	1					
North Vancouver, DM (District municipality)							1	1	1					
North Vancouver, CY (City)			1	4			1	1	1					
West Vancouver, DM (District municipality)							1	1	1					
Bowen Island, IM (Island municipality)								1	1					
Lions Bay, VL (Village)								1	1					
Pitt Meadows, CY (City)							1	1	1					
Maple Ridge, CY (City)		1	1	4			1	1	1					
Capital Regional District	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0				125	\$ 56,250
North Saanich, DM (District municipality)							1							
Sidney, T (Town)							1							
Central Saanich, DM (District municipality)							1							
Saanich, DM (District municipality)							1							
Oak Bay, DM (District municipality)							1							
Victoria, CY (City)		1	2	8	1	1	1	2						
Esquimalt, DM (District municipality)							1							
Colwood, CY (City)							1							
Metchosin, DM (District municipality)							1							
Langford, CY (City) (CSD)							1							

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View Royal, T (Town) (CSD)							1							
Highlands, DM (District municipality)							1							
Sooke, DM (District municipality)							1	1						
Cowichan Valley Regional District	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	0				30	\$ 13,500
North Cowichan, DM (District municipality)														
Duncan, CY (City)		1	1	3	1	1		2						
Lake Cowichan, T (Town)														
Ladysmith, T (Town)														
Nanaimo Regional District	1	1	2	5	1	1	4	3	0				50	\$ 22,500
Nanaimo, CY (City)	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2						
Lantzville, DM (District municipality)							1							
Parksville, CY (City)				1			1	1						
Qualicum Beach, T (Town)							1							
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	0				35	\$ 15,750
Port Alberni, CY (City)		1	1	1	1	1		1						
Ucluelet, DM (District municipality)		1	1					1						
Tofino, DM (District municipality) (CSD)														
Strathcona Regional District	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0				25	\$ 11,250
Gold River, VL (Village)					1									

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Zeballos, VL (Village)														
Tahsis, VL (Village)														
Campbell River, CY (City)		1	1	1	1			1						
Sayward, VL (Village)														
Comox Valley Regional District	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	0				35	\$ 15,750
Comox, T (Town)				1										
Courtenay, CY (City)		1	1	2	1	1		1						
Cumberland, VL (Village)														
qathet Regional District	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0				15	\$ 6,750
Powell River, CY (City)		1		1				2						
Sunshine Coast Regional District	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0				25	\$ 11,250
Gibsons, T (Town)							1							
Sechelt, DM (District municipality)		1	1				1							
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0				25	\$ 11,250
Squamish, DM (District municipality)		1	1	2										
Pemberton, VL (Village)														
Whistler, DM (District municipality)														
Lillooet, DM (District municipality)		1	1			1								
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1	4	5	1	0	2	10	1	0				55	\$ 24,750

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Merritt, CY (City)		1	1	1		1	1							
Lytton, VL (Village)							1							
Ashcroft, VL (Village)		1	1				1							
Cache Creek, VL (Village)							1							
Clinton, VL (Village)		1	1				1							
Logan Lake, DM (District municipality)							1							
Kamloops, CY (City)	1	1	2	2		1	1	1						
Sun Peaks Mountain, VL (Village)							1							
Chase, VL (Village)							1							
Clearwater, DM (District municipality)							1							
Central Okanagan Regional District	2	1	2	3	0	1	4	0	0				75	\$ 33,750
Kelowna, CY (City)	1	1	1	3		1	1							
Lake Country, DM (District municipality)	1						1							
Peachland, DM (District municipality)							1							
West Kelowna, CY (City)			1				1							
North Okanagan Regional District	0	1	1	2	0	1	6	1	0				35	\$ 15,750
Lumby, VL (Village)							1							
Coldstream, DM (District municipality)							1							
Vernon, CY (City)		1	1	2		1	1	1						

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Spallumcheen, DM (District municipality)							1							
Armstrong, CY (City)							1							
Enderby, CY (City)							1							
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0				20	\$ 9,000
Golden, T (Town)		1	1											
Revelstoke, CY (City)		1	1					1						
Salmon Arm, CY (City)		1	1											
Sicamous, DM (District municipality)														
Cariboo Regional District	0	3	3	3	0	2	0	0	0				35	\$ 15,750
One Hundred Mile House, DM (District municipality)	1	1	1											
Williams Lake, CY (City)		1	1	1		1								
Quesnel, CY (City)		1	1	1		1								
Wells, DM (District municipality)														
Mount Waddington Regional District	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0				15	\$ 6,750
Alert Bay, VL (Village)														
Port McNeill, T (Town)														
Port Alice, VL (Village)														
Port Hardy, DM (District municipality)		1	1		1	1								
Central Coast Regional District								0	0					\$ -

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Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	2	0				20	\$ 9,000
Port Edward, DM (District municipality)														
Prince Rupert, CY (City)	1	1	1	1		1								
Masset, VL (Village)		1	1					2						
Queen Charlotte, VL (Village)		1	1											
Port Clements, VL (Village)														
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	0	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	0				35	\$ 15,750
Kitimat, DM (District municipality)		1	1	2										
Terrace, CY (City)		1	1	2		1								
Hazelton, VL (Village)		1	1											
New Hazelton, DM (District municipality)														
Stewart, DM (District municipality)		1	1											
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	0	5	5	2	0	1	0	0	0				30	\$ 13,500
Vanderhoof, DM (District municipality)		1	1	1										
Fraser Lake, VL (Village)														
Fort St. James, DM (District municipality)		1	1											
Burns Lake, VL (Village)		1	1											
Granisle, VL (Village)														
Houston, DM (District municipality)		1	1											

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Telkwa, VL (Village)														
Smithers, T (Town)		1	1	1		1								
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	1	3	4	5	0	1	0	1	0				45	\$ 20,250
Valemount, VL (Village)		1	1											
McBride, VL (Village)			1											
Prince George, CY (City)	1	1	1	5		1		1						
Mackenzie, DM (District municipality)		1	1											
Peace River Regional District	0	3	3	4	0	3	0	2	0				40	\$ 18,000
Tumbler Ridge, DM (District municipality)														
Pouce Coupe, VL (Village)														
Chetwynd, DM (District municipality)		1	1			1		1						
Dawson Creek, CY (City)		1	1	2		1								
Hudson's Hope, DM (District municipality)														
Taylor, DM (District municipality)														
Fort St. John, CY (City)		1	1	2		1		1						
Stikine Region								0	0				0	\$ -
Northern Rockies Regional District						1		0	0				10	\$ 4,500
Northern Rockies, RGM (Regional municipality)														



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