Housing with Supports



Do you have a low income and specific needs that make it difficult to live independently?



Help Finding Subsidized Housing with Supports

If you need help finding subsidized housing with supports, the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society maintains a webpage of Housing Options for the City of Nanaimo.

Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society – Housing Options 250-755-1158

Affordable Housing with Supports

If you have a low income and a specific need, you may qualify for housing with supports.

Housing with Supports – There is no limit on the length of stay. Provides ongoing supports and services to residents who cannot live independently and who are not expected to become fully self-sufficient. Find out if you qualify for housing with supports and apply for a space:

Community Living British Columbia 1-877-660-2522
Assists adults with developmental disabilities pay for housing or provides referrals to supportive housing providers such as the Nanaimo Association for Community Living. 250-741-0224

Canadian Mental Health Association 250-244-4042 Provides housing for those dealing with mental health and addictions.

Pacifica Housing – Uplands Walk

250-385-2131

Provides housing for homeless individuals who face barriers to accessing and retaining housing, and who are dealing with issues related to aging.

Transitional Housing

Transitional Housing – Provides housing from 30 days to two or three years that includes the provision of support services to help people move towards independence and self-sufficiency. Find out if you qualify for transitional housing and apply for a space:

Nanaimo Regional John Howard Society 250-754-1266 Safe, affordable, drug and alcohol free housing for men in the early stages of recovery from addiction

Tillicum Lelum - Young Mother's Residential Program 250-716-1080 Housing and support for Aboriginal mothers ages 18 to 25

Haven Society Transition House 250-756-2452 **24 hour Crisis Line 1-888-756-0616 / 250-756-0616**

Temporary shelter, information and crisis support for women, children and youth (up to 19 for males) who have experienced violence & are seeking safety while exploring their options. No provisions for pets.

The Salvation Army - New Hope Centre 250-714-1142
Offers three month transitional housing for single men with possibility of renewal with successful case plan.

NARSF Transitions Youth Withdrawal Management & Supportive Recovery Program 250-754-2773

Safe and supportive housing for youth aged 12 – 19 who are struggling with substance use related issues.

Assisted Living and Residential Care

Assisted Living and Residential Care – Housing with care and support services for seniors and people with disabilities, including 24 hour care. Find out if you qualify for subsidized assisted living or residential care and apply for a space:

VIHA Assisted Living Services 250-739-5749 VIHA Residential Care Services (24 hour care) 250-739-5749

Need More Help Finding Housing & Supportive Services?

Several organizations may be able to support your efforts to find affordable housing and support services that meet your needs including filling in applications, finding housing or dealing with landlord issues.

Region Wide

Vancouver Island Crisis Line 24 hr 1-888-494-3888 For 24-hour support when you are in crisis and need someone to listen and provide you with help. This includes figuring out who can help you with family or relationship challenges, resources for finding food, housing, income support and other needs.

Community Living British Columbia 1-877-660-2522 Provides services for adults with developmental disabilities to live fully and independently.

Nanaimo Regional John Howard Society 250-754-1266 Provides support to tenants to maintain their tenancy and build relationships with landlords.

VIHA Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Nanaimo Area 250-739-5710 Oceanside Area 250-947-8228

Provides general intake for all programs under Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Services which may include referrals and access to supportive and / or crisis housing (operated by non-profits such as the Vancouver Island Mental Health Society and the Island Crisis Care Society).

AIDS Vancouver Island

250-754-9111

1-888-530-2437

Helps connect clients with HIV or Hep.C to housing by providing a weekly list of housing and assisting with housing applications.

Community Outreach Response

Team Cell / Pager 250-741-7645

Provides services for those experiencing ongoing homelessness.

Nanaimo Women's Resource Society 250-753-0633 Connects women and their families to resources to find or maintain their rental homes.

Find More Community Resources

Community Resources Database

1-888-494-3888

In addition to crisis support the **Vancouver Island Crisis Line** provides community resource information and access to the Mental Health Crisis Response Team when appropriate.