



BASICS OF THE NON-PROFIT HOUSING SECTOR IN B.C.

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What is non-profit housing?

Non-profit housing societies build and manage long-term, affordable shelter for those unable to find housing on the private market. Non-profit housing societies connect vulnerable persons such as low-income families; seniors; people at-risk of homelessness; and people with complex health needs like disabilities, addictions, or mental illnesses with suitable housing and essential health and social services. This approach to housing makes a key contribution to the long-term supply of high quality, affordable housing and, by providing people with safe, secure homes, helps promote the growth of healthy, stable communities.

Who is BCNPHA?

BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) is a provincial umbrella organization providing education, services, and advocacy to the non-profit housing sector. The BCNPHA Research Department has created a comprehensive database through the Asset Analysis Project that collates data about the sector from three key sources. Close to 100% of non-profit societies that provide long-term housing in BC are represented in the database¹, and collection of the detailed information via survey is still ongoing.

Sector statistics

Non-profit housing societies manage **50,000** units of long-term, affordable housing in approximately **1,500** buildings across the province. BCNPHA represents societies operating nearly **80%** of these units. Nearly **40,000** units managed by non-profits are funded through ongoing operational subsidies from the provincial government. The funding agreements covering **82%** of these units covered are set to expire by **2030**.

Although the total value of building assets managed by the non-profit housing sector is still unknown, BCNPHA has detailed information for a subset of these buildings. Based on a preliminary analysis of the Asset Analysis data, the value held across 514 buildings – approximately one-third of the known number of **buildings** – is over **1.2 billion** dollars. Moreover, a considerable number of non-profits own their land outright. While we know that over 400 properties are owned by non-profits in the province, we have detailed information for 260 of these properties. The total value of that **land** exceeds **\$600 million** dollars.

While this information comes from a slice of the entire sector, it is evident that the non-profit housing sector holds substantial assets, representing considerable value to households and communities across the province. BCNPHA applauds non-profit housing societies for their valuable contribution to affordable housing in B.C.

Nearly 100% of non-profit societies are represented in the BCNPHA database. We also have detailed survey information on 30,000 housing units in 900 buildings. This represents nearly two-thirds of the long-term, non-profit managed stock in the province.

¹ This database compiles information on long-term, affordable housing operated by non-profit societies. Data has been obtained from BC Housing, The City of Vancouver Non-Market Housing Inventory, and the 2008 BCNPHA Asset Analysis Survey. It does not include co-op housing, temporary housing such as emergency shelters or transition houses, rent supplements administered by non-profit societies used on the private market, or housing stock directly managed by BC Housing. The total number of social housing units across the province, including these other units, is estimated to be approximately 85,000.

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