



BC Non-Profit Housing Association

BC Budget 2027 Consultation: Submission Template

Purpose of this Template

The BC Budget 2027 consultation is now open, and non-profit housing providers have an opportunity to shape provincial priorities and amplify the need for non-profit housing across our province. This is an important opportunity to ensure the voice of non-profit housing is reflected in the Province’s budget planning process.

How to Submit

Written submissions will be accepted from June 1-19, 2026, through the government’s [Consultation Portal](#). Your submission will be made using a submission form, **please be mindful of character limits**.

Tips for Using this Template

- ➔ Use plain language and be specific about the housing needs in your community.
- ➔ Include local data, waitlist information, tenant stories, or project examples where possible to support your recommendations.
- ➔ Avoid general statements and focus each recommendation on one clear budget action.
- ➔ Feel free to use the example recommendations and background information in your submission or develop your own.
- ➔ Tailor the wording to reflect your organization’s size, mandate, and region.
- ➔ Where possible, connect your recommendations to [government priorities](#).

Resources to Support Your Submission

- ➔ [Member Engagement Toolkit](#)
- ➔ [Affordable Housing Plan](#)
- ➔ [BC Budget Analysis 2026](#)
- ➔ [Quick Facts: Community Housing Fund](#)

Submission Template

Introduction (maximum 650 characters)

- ➔ Insert a short overview of your organization, the communities you serve, and your main budget message.
- ➔ Briefly explain why housing investment matters in your region (i.e. a thesis statement that will tie your recommendations together).
- ➔ Concisely state your budget recommendations (a maximum of 3 recommendations can be made).

Example: [Organization Name] is a non-profit housing organization serving [community/region]. We provide affordable homes and related supports to low- and moderate-income households, including [seniors, youth, families, Indigenous peoples, women experiencing violence, etc.]. Delaying housing investment may reduce spending in the short term, but it increases long-term costs through lost jobs, deferred supply, greater pressure on health and justice systems, and the erosion of affordable homes. We urge the Province to build more affordable homes, protect existing housing, and support services that sustain housing stability.

Recommendation 1 (maximum 300 characters)

- ➔ State your first budget recommendation in one concise sentence.

Example: Build more: Restore and expand previously promised capital and operational investments into the Community Housing Fund and Indigenous Housing Fund.

Background (maximum 2000 characters)

- ➔ **Evidence:** Describe the issue, including local or organizational evidence. You may wish to include project readiness, demand data, waitlists, or regional housing pressures to support your recommendation. Aim to include at least one concrete number and source.
- ➔ **Risk of Inaction:** Explain who is affected and consequence/risk of inaction.
- ➔ **Benefits of Implementing Recommendation:** Describe the benefits of your recommendation.

Example: Our organization currently has [number] affordable homes in operation and [number] additional units in development, but rising construction costs and uncertain capital funding have delayed progress on new projects. Demand continues to outpace supply, with [number] households on our waitlist and many more households in our community struggling to find stable housing they can afford.

A strong budget should recognize that underinvestment in affordable housing today leads to higher costs tomorrow, more instability for households, and fewer good jobs in communities across BC. Investing in housing is one of the most practical ways government can support employment while protecting affordability and strengthening long-term economic growth. Restored capital funding would allow us to advance projects, create local jobs, and provide long-term affordability for people who are otherwise at risk of homelessness or displacement.

Recommendation 2 (maximum 300 characters)

→ State your second budget recommendation in one concise sentence.

Example: Protect More: Protect existing affordable homes threatened by expiring operating agreements.

Background (maximum 2000 characters)

→ Evidence → Risk of Inaction → Benefits of Implementing Recommendation

Example: In the coming years, deeply affordable homes may be at risk as long-term operating agreements expire. As operating agreements expire and costs rise, providers face difficult choices between deferring repairs, reducing affordability, or selling all together.

[Include any specific impacts on organization]

The affected programs include homes for seniors, Indigenous families, and other community members who rely on deeply affordable housing. Allowing these homes to lose affordability would undermine decades of public investment and create replacement costs far greater than the cost of preservation.

Relying on potential federal intervention is not sufficient; the Province should provide a targeted plan to protect these homes in case federal support does not materialize, with enough time to implement before agreements expire.

Without coordinated action, people may lose homes, overall affordability may erode and assets may deteriorate; but with the right supports, non-profit housing providers can stabilize and reinvest in these critical community assets for decades to come.

Provincial support would help preserve these homes, protect tenants from rent increases or displacement, and ensure that decades of public investment are not lost.

Recommendation 3 (maximum 300 characters)

→ State your third budget recommendation in one concise sentence.

Example: Support More. Increase investments in supportive housing and the support services that help tenants with complex needs remain housed.

Background (maximum 2000 characters)

→ Evidence → Risk of Inaction → Benefits of Implementing Recommendation

Example: 500 new supportive housing homes are needed every year for the next 10 years to meet the growing need supportive housing. This is due to many compounding factors including the increasing cost of living, the ongoing toxic drug crisis, experiences of trauma and mental health challenges that span generations, as well as systemic issues that disproportionately affect vulnerable groups.

[Include any specific impacts or experience of organization]

Non-profit housing providers, people who live in supportive housing, and their surrounding communities know that supportive housing works when it is paired with stable operating funding for adequate staff and resources and onsite access to supporting healthcare and community partners.

Without adequate operating funding for staffing, health supports, and tenancy support, supportive housing cannot continue to produce the reductions in homelessness, hospital use, and justice-system pressure that government is seeking.

Budget 2026 provided no new investments for supportive housing, despite growing need. If the Province wants to reduce homelessness, improve health outcomes, and ease pressure on emergency, justice, and hospital systems, supportive housing must be treated as core infrastructure. That means funding not only the buildings, but also the staffing, services, and community supports that allow people to remain housed.

Alternative Topics for Recommendations*

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| → Indigenous-led Housing | → Capital Renewals |
| → Budget Guidelines | → Energy Efficiency |
| → Workforce Training | → Housing for Women Experiencing |
| → Rural and Remote Affordable Housing | Violence |

*Not an exhaustive list.