

# GVSS Strategic Plan

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## Mission

**The Greater Vancouver Shelter Strategy is a network of organizations responding together to meet the needs of people who are homeless or at risk.**

## Vision

**We envision accessible, high quality temporary shelter and outreach services, connecting people with appropriate housing and supports.**

## Goals

### 1. Co-operative planning

Maintain a responsive, effective, and accountable partnership.

### 2. Emerging issues management

Identify emerging sheltering, outreach and housing issues, and facilitate a coordinated response.

### 3. Communication

Communicate service availability to the homeless, service providers and the larger community.

### 4. Sustainability

Demonstrate evidence of need to support coordinated funding and service delivery.

### 5. Service development

Coordinate and enhance services, through planning, mentorship, stakeholder engagement, and policy recommendations.

## Core Values

We share the following six core values:

- ❖ All people should have access to permanent, appropriate housing.
- ❖ When people become homeless, rapid re-housing is a priority.
- ❖ When required, people should have supports to maintain their housing.
- ❖ When needed, people should have access to temporary shelter that is safe and healthy.
- ❖ People should be able to be sheltered or housed in the community of their choice.
- ❖ People using shelters deserve respect and dignity, including selection from a menu of services.

## Operating Principles

We operate in accord with the following five principles:

- ❖ Collaboration among funders, service providers, and communities.
- ❖ Representation of diverse communities, perspectives and interests.
- ❖ Maintaining a safe forum for dialogue.
- ❖ Consensus decision-making.
- ❖ Transparency and accountability.