

## Understanding Metro Vancouver's Shelter System

1. Year-round Shelter Beds	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide temporary accommodation for homeless individuals and families.</li> <li>• Provide support services such as food, clothing, counselling and referrals to other services and longer term housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Housing</li> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH) and Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee (AHSC).</li> <li>• Others (private funders).</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 900 year-round shelter beds in Metro Vancouver.</li> </ul>
2. Cold/Wet Weather Shelter Beds (Seasonal)	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operated on a seasonal basis generally from October/November through March.</li> <li>• Support services are provided on a more limited basis than in year-round shelters.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC.</li> <li>• BC Housing, City of Vancouver and Streethome Foundation partnership.</li> <li>• Private funders.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 460 CWW shelter spaces provided in Metro Vancouver – including 55 spaces outside the City of Vancouver.</li> </ul>
3. Extreme Weather Response Shelter Spaces	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides extra shelter spaces for homeless people during periods of extreme weather.</li> <li>• Heavily dependent on volunteers with limited support services provided.</li> <li>• A crisis response to extreme weather occurrences, to augment ongoing shelter programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Housing</li> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC.</li> <li>• Others (non-profits, private funders).</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 600 additional shelter spaces.</li> <li>• 8 Extreme Weather Response plans are in place covering 13 municipalities.</li> </ul>

<b>Shelter Spaces by Community (Feb. 2009)*</b>	
<b>Vancouver</b>	Year-round 708 CWW 405 Total <b>1,113</b>
<b>Surrey</b>	Year-round 95 CWW 0 Total <b>95</b>
<b>Maple Ridge</b>	Year-round 25 CWW 25 Total <b>50</b>
<b>North Shore</b>	Year-round 45 CWW 0 Total <b>45</b>
<b>New Westminister</b>	Year-round 57 CWW 0 Total <b>57</b>
<b>Tri-Cities</b>	Year-round 0 CWW 30 Total <b>30</b>
<b>Richmond</b>	Year-round 10 CWW 0 Total <b>10</b>
<b>Regional Total</b>	Year-round <b>940</b> CWW <b>460</b> Total <b>1,400</b>

\* Excludes transition houses.

