

*Greater Vancouver  
Shelter Strategy*  
**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 emergency shelter services as part of the continuum of housing and supports.

## **Goals**

### **1. Co-operative planning**

Maintain a responsive, effective, and accountable partnership.

### **2. Emerging issues management**

Identify emerging shelter issues and facilitate 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**

Promote coordination and enhancement of services.

## **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.
- ❖ People should be able to be housed in their own communities.
- ❖ 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 using shelters deserve respect and dignity.

## **Operating Principles**

The Strategy works in accordance with the following four principles:

- ❖ Seeking to balance the continuum of housing.
- ❖ Collaboration among funders, service providers, and communities.
- ❖ Representation of diverse communities, perspectives and interests.
- ❖ Consensus decision-making.