

Connective to Operate New Supportive Housing Development in Vancouver

We're excited to announce that Connective has been selected to operate a new supportive housing development on Kingsway, with tenancy expected in Summer 2022.

The 65-unit residence will support adults 19 and older who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including significant tenant representation from Indigenous and female-identifying populations. The site will be staffed 24/7 and provide wraparound, personcentered supports.

Connective was selected to operate the development through a competitive process led by BC Housing.

"We have a long history of delivering services in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood," Mark Miller, CEO of Connective said. "We're honoured to have the opportunity to help people in our community access safe, secure, and stable housing. We're also excited to work alongside our community partners with whom we have established relationships to deliver these essential programs."

Connective delivers diverse programs across B.C. and the Yukon, including a continuum of housing, homelessness prevention services, alternative justice interventions, employment support, and community outreach programs.

Programming at Kingsway will use housing first and harm reduction approaches.

"Our programs always lead with a housing-first approach," Miller said. "Having stable housing is crucial in allowing people the opportunity to work on other areas of their life."

Residents will be provided with one meal a day and have access to case planning, community resources, and tailored support services based on individual needs and goals. Connective will also work with Indigenous partners to ensure culturally appropriate services, and talks are underway to identify an Indigenous liaison to provide on-site support.

Referrals will be determined collaboratively by Connective, BC Housing, the City of Vancouver, and Coordinated Access table.

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