The Right Fit Pilot Project DRAFT

Filling Your Wheelchair Accessible Units

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Overview

• The Right Fit Pilot Project (RFPP) — Background

• A Collaborative Partnership

• Objectives: How can we support a better fit?

• Phase 1 Overview

• Next Steps

• Thanks to our generous funders
The Right Fit Pilot Project

A 3-year, multi-partner pilot to help wheelchair users, housing & service providers better match availability to needs.
Background
• **October 2014:** Multi-stakeholder planning session on wheelchair accessible housing in Metro Vancouver:
  
  • BC Housing, BCNPHA, City of Vancouver, CHF-BC, DABC, IFRC, Metro Vancouver Housing, VCH, Vancouver Resource Society.
  
  • Group identified key challenges.
  
  • Steering Committee formed to develop RFPP proposal.
Why RFPP?

Key Challenges:

• Supply of accessible, affordable homes vs demand.

• Lengthy process to secure equipment & support
  - Vacancies gone before supports can be arranged

• No centralized inventory of accessible units

• No common standard to describe accessibility features.
Who are we?
RFPP Partners

Led by Disability Alliance BC in partnership with:

• Individualized Funding Resource Centre
• BC Housing
• Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
• Vancouver Coastal Health
• Fraser Health
• City of Vancouver
Objectives
RFPP Objectives

• Help providers fill accessible homes with the right tenants

• Help wheelchair users find/access the right home

• Build foundation to share RFPP solutions more broadly
RFPP Operating Model

• Rolling caseload of 20 wheelchair users
• Develop & test new case management model
• Identify systemic barriers, suggest solutions
• Learn by doing, testing & refining
• Support collaboration, strengthen relationships

RFPP navigators advise, support & facilitate only: All decisions rest with home seekers & housing providers
Phase 1 Overview
Phase 1 Participant Eligibility

- Indoor power/manual wheelchair users (no scooters)
- Aged 19 - 64
- Receiving provincial PWD benefits
- Current application with The Housing Registry
- Meet BC Housing criteria for subsidized housing
- Living in VCH & Fraser Health Regions, seeking home in Metro Vancouver
Housing Providers - Benefits

• BC Housing subsidies to hold vacancies open longer
• RFPP Navigator support to ID suitable applicants & facilitate transition
• Streamlined Ministry approvals for standard equipment needs
• Providers retain full autonomy for deciding whom to accept

Phase 1 housing providers must be:

• Metro Vancouver region
• Members of The Housing Registry
Housing Providers

How to participate:

• Register: RightFit@IFRCSociety.org

• Complete Housing Accessibility Checklist

• Notify IFRC re upcoming vacancies

• Work with navigators to find the right match

• Offer insights on challenges & solutions
RFPP: Next Steps

- Future phases: broaden eligibility
- Monitor & refine case management model
- Identify systemic barriers & solutions
- Streamline processes, strengthen collaboration
- Share results & seek broader feedback
Thank You!

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