



# The Right Fit Pilot Project **DRAFT**

*Filling Your Wheelchair Accessible Units*

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# The Right Fit Pilot Project

A 3-year, multi-partner pilot to help wheelchair users, housing & service providers better match availability to needs.



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- **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



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- 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](mailto: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



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