



Interior Health

Home & Community Care Residential Care Services Request for Proposals (032RFP- IHACC06)

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Q. Please clarify the anticipated value of the Assisted Living personal care subsidy and top up for housing and hospitality services.

A. *Assumptions around levels of service in AL differ between Health Authorities. Fraser's model is not comparable to that designed to serve clients in the Interior. The recent AL sustainability study suggested that clients were utilizing on average just over 1 hour of care per client per day in the unit. It should be noted however that this was not a wide ranging study and the results are not statistically tested. IH would advise any proponent to consider the anticipated needs of clients, create a staffing plan around those needs and price it accordingly as the contract requires that the partner provide services according to the needs of clients, not up to a certain threshold of care per day.*

BC Housing provides a subsidy equivalent to the difference between the proportion of the tenant income allocated to housing and the price of housing and housing management. IHA provides funding for personal care and the difference between what the tenant can afford over and above their rent (up to a maximum of 70% of their net income) and the actual cost of hospitality services. IHA would encourage proponents to determine services needed under AL guidelines and cost accordingly.

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