Housing Need for Women in New Westminster

What is the need for this type of housing?

According to the 2017 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count

39 women identified as homeless (street and sheltered)
29% of the people who are homeless in New Westminster were women*

* Service providers indicated the number of women who are homeless is likely higher since women often use strategies such as couch surfing and doubling up with families and friends, or stay in unsafe situations, rather than stay on the street or access services for the homeless.

Between April 2016 and March 2017, Gurney Place, which is the only shelter specifically programmed and staffed to meet the needs of women in New Westminster, turned away 1,558 women and children.