Proposed Housing, with Supports, for Women in New Westminster

Ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

**Proposed Project:**
44 units of supportive housing

**Proposed Location:**
838 Ewen Avenue

**Operated by:**
The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver, with 24/7 staffing working closely with residents to connect them to support services

**Who it is for:**
Women who have been homeless or who are at risk of homelessness.

**Housing Type:**
Safe and secure self-contained (own bathroom and kitchenette) studio, with shared amenity space.
Who will live here?

Who would live in the proposed project?

The proposed project would provide safe and affordable homes for women who:

• Are over the age of 19
• Have low incomes
• Have a history of homelessness or are at risk of homelessness
• Would benefit from additional support to maintain housing

Resident Selection Process:

• The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver will work with BC Housing and local service providers to ensure the needs of a potential resident are well matched to the types of support services provided.
• Women will be assessed using a thorough and thoughtful process to determine the support services they need to remain housed and live a more healthy, stable life, while ensuring a healthy resident mix within a building.
• All residents will pay rent, will sign a resident agreement and have made a choice to work towards living a healthy, stable life.

What are some of the contributing factors to homelessness?

There are various factors which contribute to homelessness for women such as:

• insecure housing and renovictions
• disability or poor health
• childhood abuse or domestic violence
• inadequate employment or lack of income
• limited support networks including family, mental wellness, and substance use.
Support Services

- 24/7 professional support staff
- Safe and secure place to sleep
- Breakfast and one hot meal a day
- Private Washrooms
- Laundry
- Social Connection
- Accessible for a diverse group
- Connection to local community services
- Peer employment opportunities
- Referral to health care, mental health and addiction services
- Trauma-informed support and care to assist people in stabilizing and creating plans to move from homelessness to successfully housed.
- Outreach worker assists with income issues, apartment viewings, securing housing and liaising with landlords to support stable tenancies.