

FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- The Community Assistance Program provides multi-barriered income assistance clients with services to improve their quality of life and connections to services within their communities.
- The annual budget for the Community Assistance Program is \$7.5 million.
- Service providers provide individualized services including personal planning, basic life skills training and counselling.
- Service providers also provide one-on-one advocacy support that includes assisting clients to fill out applications for income supports and working on their behalf to connect them with other services they need in the community, such as mental health, housing, drug or alcohol treatment, legal aid, and child care and family services.
- Pre-employment and employment components of the previous Community Assistance Program have been moved to the new BC Employment Program launched in July 2006.
- The successful proponents for the new Community Assistance Program are:

Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 1 (Vancouver Island)	
Community	Service Provider
Victoria/Sidney/Gulf Islands	Peninsula Community Services
Victoria	Sprott Shaw Community College – (for high risk youth clients)
Langford/Sooke/Port Renfrew	Worklink Employment Society
Duncan/Cowichan Lake	Vancouver Island Vocational and Rehabilitation Services Ltd.
Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Parksville	Vancouver Island Vocational and Rehabilitation Services Ltd.
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Youth Services Association – (for clients with drug related barriers)
Courtenay	Opportunities Career Services (Coastal Employment Network)
Campbell River	Opportunities Career Services (Coastal Employment Network)
Powell River/Texada Island	Opportunities Career Services (Coastal Employment Network)
Port Alberni/Tofino/Ucluelet	Opportunities Career Services (Coastal Employment Network)
Port Hardy/Port McNeill/Port Alice/Sointula/Alert Bay	Opportunities Career Services (Coastal Employment Network)
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 2 (Vancouver Coastal)	
Community	Service Provider
Vancouver Downtown East	S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Vancouver Downtown West	Sprott Shaw Community College

Vancouver Midtown	Pacific Community Resources Society
Vancouver Northeast	Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association
Vancouver South and Richmond	Pacific Community Resources Society
North Shore	North Vancouver Continuing Education (School District #44), Employment Services Division
Sunshine Coast	M. Magas & Associates Inc.
Vancouver	Family Services of Greater Vancouver – (for women at risk clients)
Vancouver	Gordon House Youth S.E.A.R.C.H. – (for youth hub in downtown Vancouver)
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 3 (Fraser)	
Community	Service Provider
Burnaby	Burnaby Family Life Institute
New Westminister	Fraserside Community Services Society
Coquitlam	Share Family & Community Services Society
Port Coquitlam	Buxton Consulting Ltd.
Maple Ridge	Buxton Consulting Ltd.
Abbotsford	Buxton Consulting Ltd.
Mission	Buxton Consulting Ltd.
Chilliwack	Chilliwack Community Services
Surrey/Delta	Pacific Community Resources Society
Hope	Free Rein Associates Training
Langley	Pacific Community Resources Society
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 4 (Interior)	
Community	Service Provider
Penticton/Oliver/Princeton	Partners in Employment
Cranbrook/Kimberley/Creston/Sparwood/Fernie	Steele O'Neil and Associates Inc.
Kelowna/Westbank	Partners in Employment
Nelson/Trail/Nakusp/Grand Forks/Castlegar	Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays
Vernon	North Okanagan Employment Enhancement Society
Salmon Arm/Enderby	Snowy Owl Counselling Inc. (Pathways Counselling)
Kamloops/Merrit/Clearwater	Seasons Consulting Group Ltd. (The Rehab Group)
Quesnel/Williams Lake/100 Mile House	Horton Ventures Inc.
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 5 (North)	
Community	Service Provider
Dawson Creek	Chiron Publications (Chiron Learning Centre)
Fort St. John	Employment Connections
Terrace	Northwest Training Ltd.
Vanderhoof	AMS Consulting Ltd. (Transitions)
Smithers	AMS Consulting Ltd.

	(Transitions)
Hazelton	AMS Consulting Ltd. (Transitions)
Prince George	Kopar Administration Ltd.
Prince Rupert	AMS Consulting Ltd. (Transitions)
Kitimat	Kitimat Community Services Society
Burns Lake	AMS Consulting Ltd. (Transitions)

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