
Background:

As we research and propose non-profit housing providers that are within the Metro Vancouver area, the severity towards the problem of homelessness is greatly highlighted. This situation due largely to the cancellation of social housing by the federal government of Canada. The act had caused a national housing problem in the later years to come, causing our nation to be one of the only places in the world without a strategy to counter homelessness.

Relevance to City Goals:

The number of displaced individuals in the North Shore is rising. Everyone is entitled to having their basic needs met based on what the UN addresses.

Overview of the project:

The purpose of our project is to help create and reintroduce individuals who has been displaced back into society. Through interactive and helpful programs within the peer led housing community, individuals will make ethical efforts to better their lives.

Methods / Project Details:

- Work with municipal community leaders as well as the North Shore RCMP to make housing communities features of the neighborhood.
- Work with mental health workers as well as outreach workers to reach those who need the most help and show initiative to work towards bettering themselves and their families.
- Provide a safe space for those who have been displaced that helps support individuals towards re-entering the workforce and show them that they're not alone.

Key findings / Recommendations:

- Tiny Homes, Modular and Peer-Led Housing in North Vancouver

Next steps / Future research:

- Work with members of the community to ensure that these housing communities or modules are met well by the general public in their neighbourhoods.
 - Work with community leaders and outreach groups to find out keyways to support those who are displaced in ways that attract them, and keep the individuals committed to the program.
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