

Capital Regional District

Regional Planning to Address Homelessness

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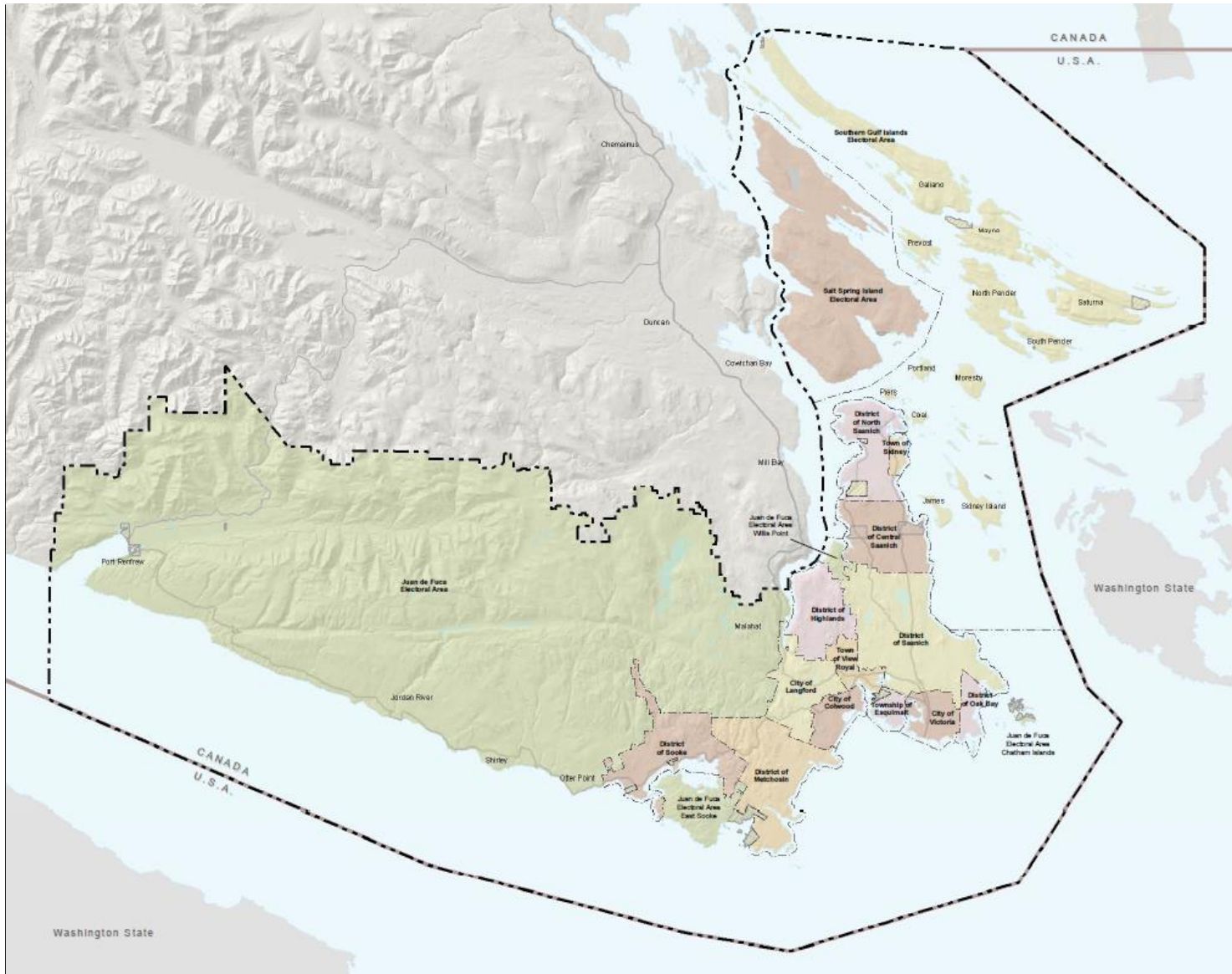
Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

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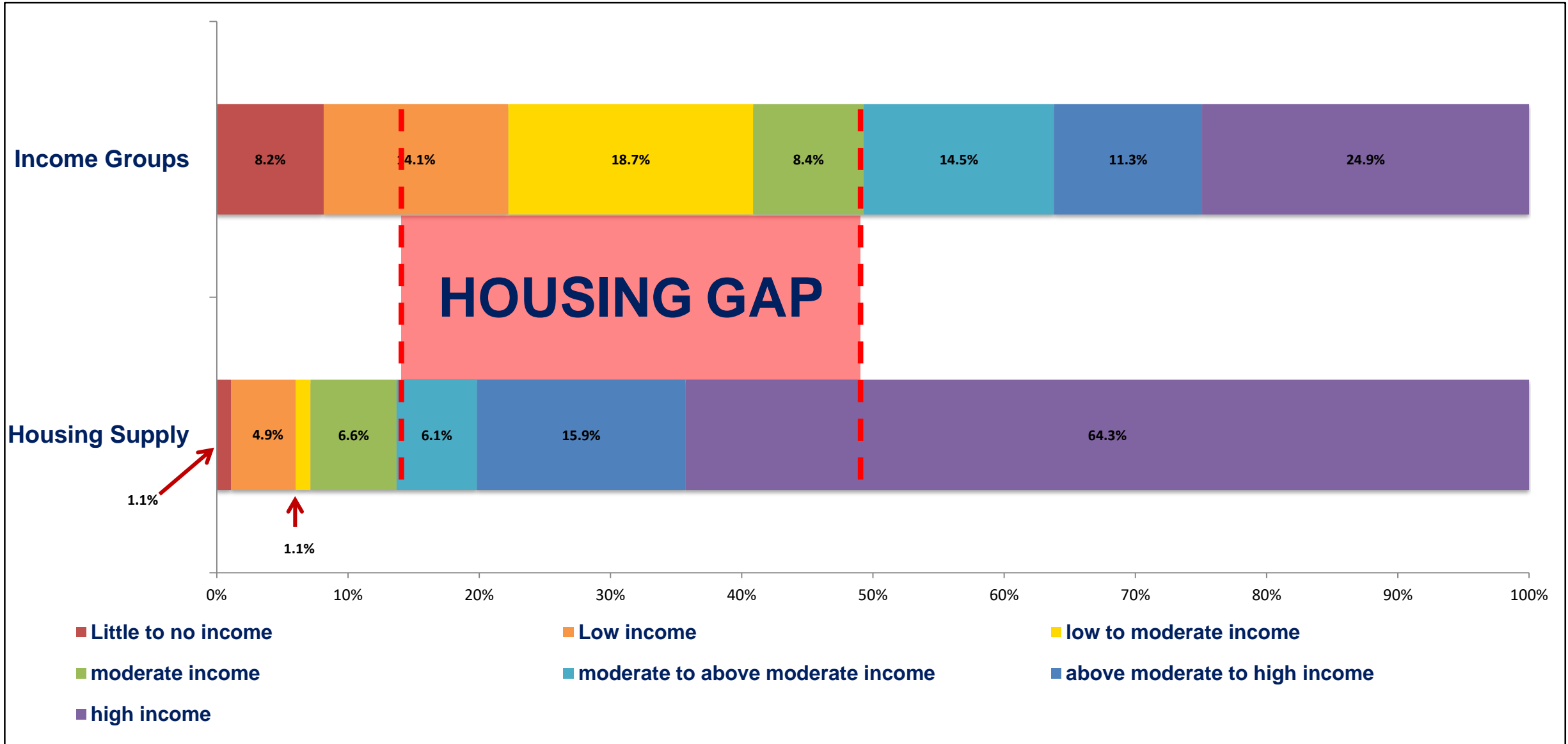
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The Capital Region



- **SW Corner of BC**
- **383,360 residents (2016)**
- **170,160 households**
- **59% multi unit dwellers**
- **13 municipalities**
- **2 electoral areas**
- **Urban, suburban and rural**
- **Median HH Income \$69,995**

Housing Gap Analysis



- **Vacancy rate of 0.5% for past two years**
- **Zero supply at lowest end of market**
- **Rental bottlenecks due to escalating home values**
- **New rental supply unaffordable to many**
- **Renovictions and rental runs in older stock**
- **Tourism: Impact of short term vacation rental**



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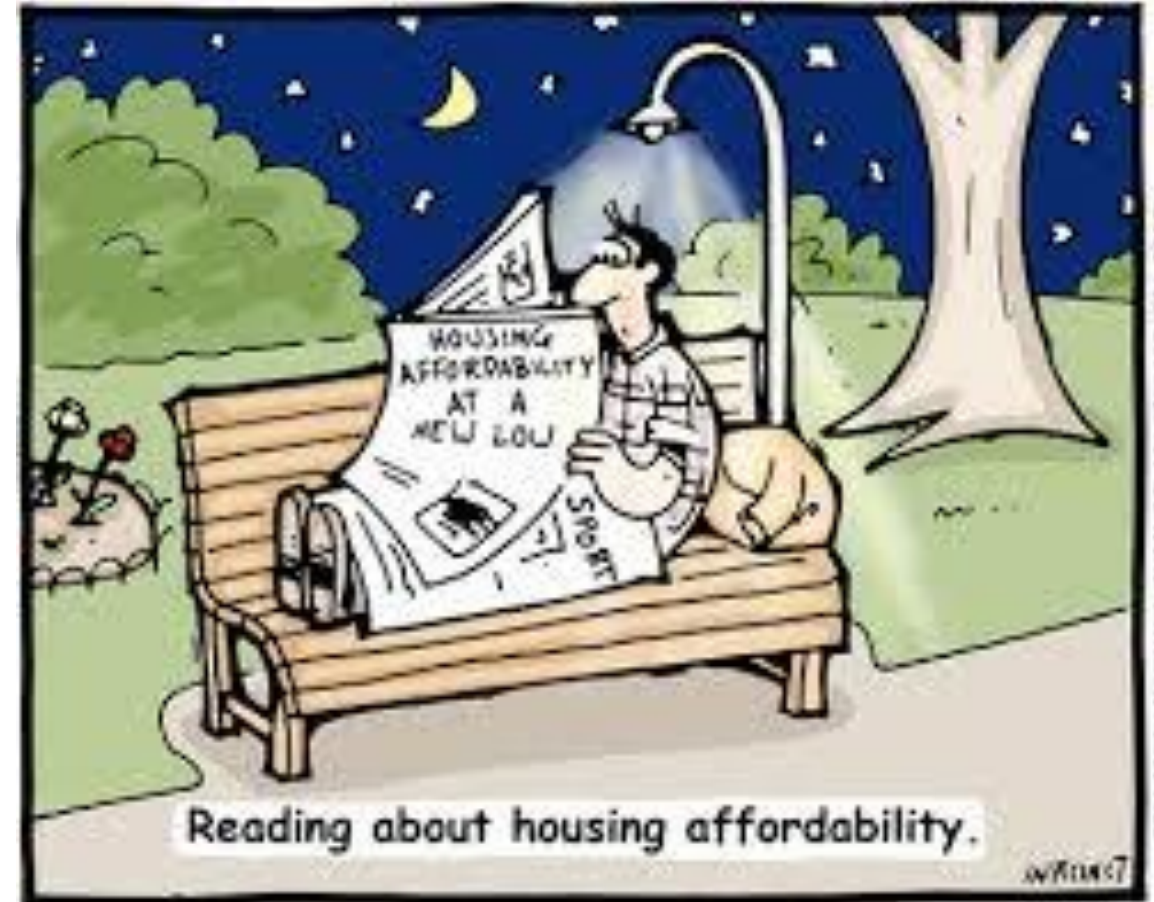
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- Strategy 1: Secure More Funding for Non-Market and Low End of Market Housing**
- Strategy 2: Establish and Enhance Pro-Affordability Local Government Policies and Regulations Across the Region**
- Strategy 3: Facilitate Community-Based Affordability Partnerships and Initiatives**
- Strategy 4: Build Neighbourhood-Level Support for Housing Affordability**
- Strategy 5: Expand the Scope of the Victoria Homelessness Community Plan to the Region as a Whole**



Regional Housing Trust Fund

CRD



- \$10.7 million invested
- \$1 million per year
- 13 participating municipalities/
electoral districts



Creating Housing



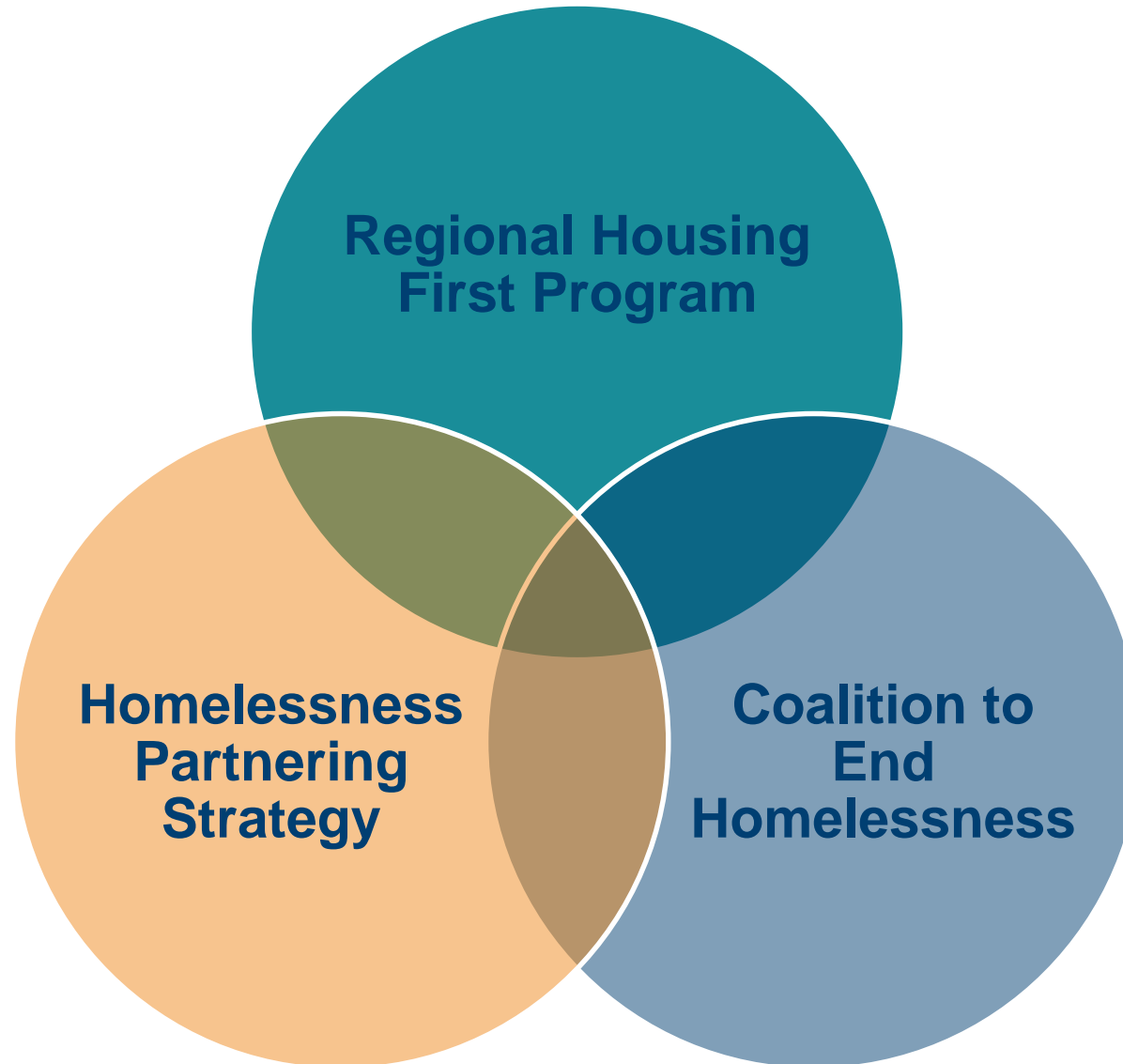
Types of Units

- 486 Affordable Rental
- 389 Supportive Housing



875 Units





Homelessness Partnering Strategy

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Prevention Systems Response Early Intervention

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- Government of Canada program
- CRD is Community Entity
- Community Advisory Board:
Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (Coalition)
- \$3.9 million over 5 years
- 2016-17 program funding
 - Aboriginal Stream \$337,000
 - Designated Stream \$685,000



- **Coalition Creating Homes Enhancing Communities Plan**



- **Process Mapping Project**

- **Regional Housing First Strategy Plan**

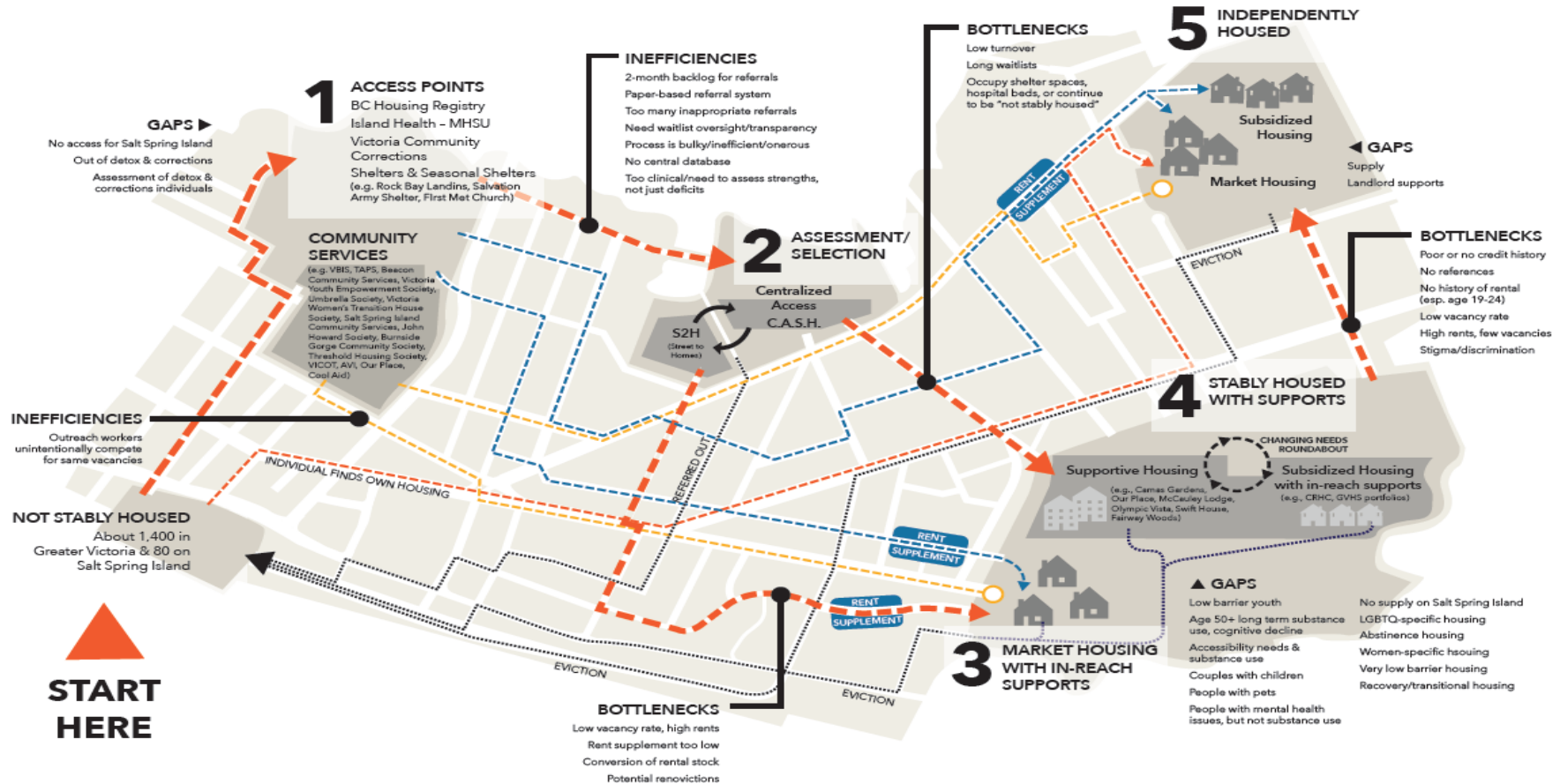


- **Coalition Community Plan**

Process Mapping Project



Not Stably Housed → Stably Housed (with Supports)



Regional Response: Timeline

2007 Victoria Mayor's Task Force

2008 Coalition Established

2014 Tent City Established

2015 Notice of Motion

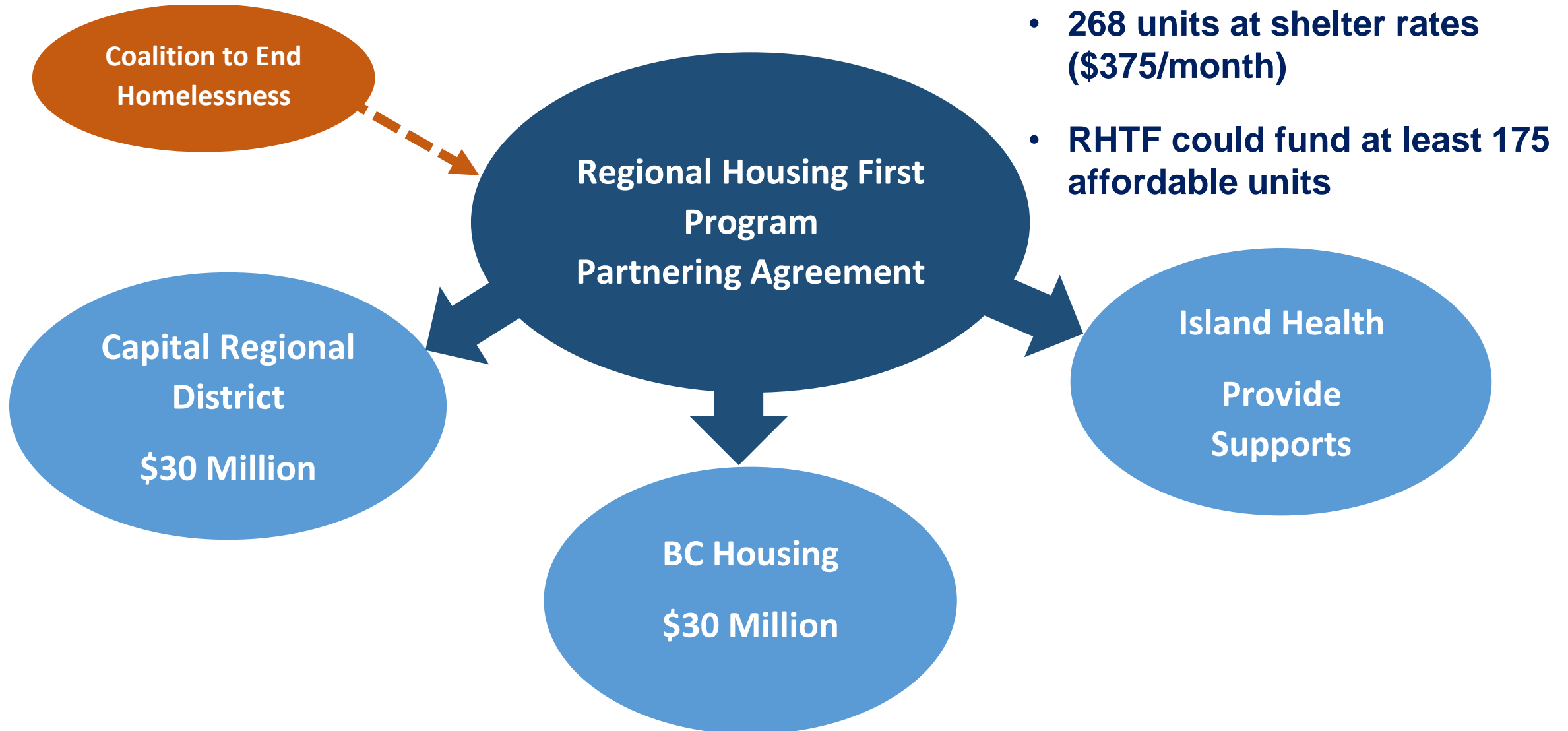
2016 Regional Housing First Program

2016 Expression of Interest

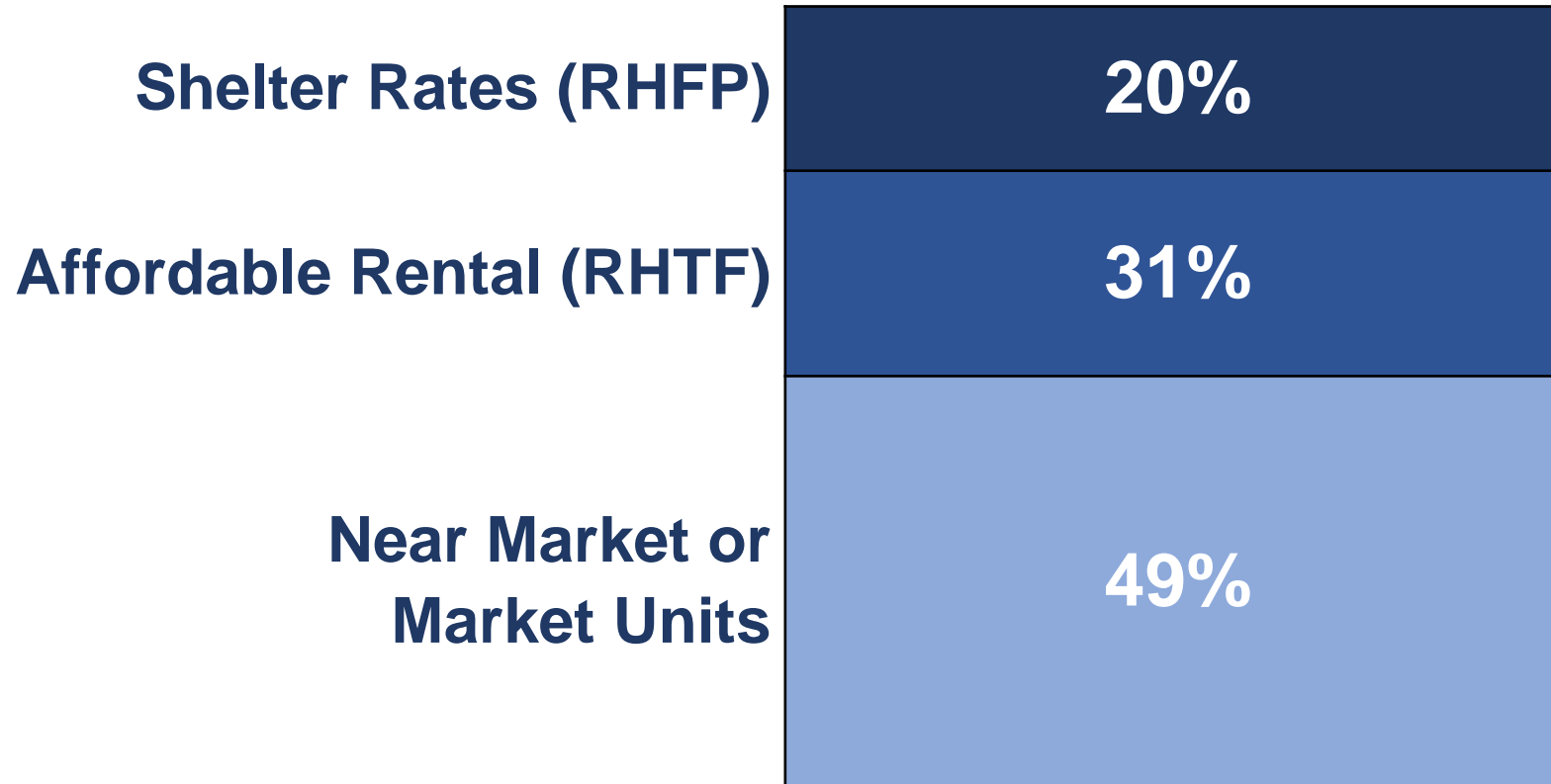
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RHFP Program Elements



RHFP Mixed Market Model

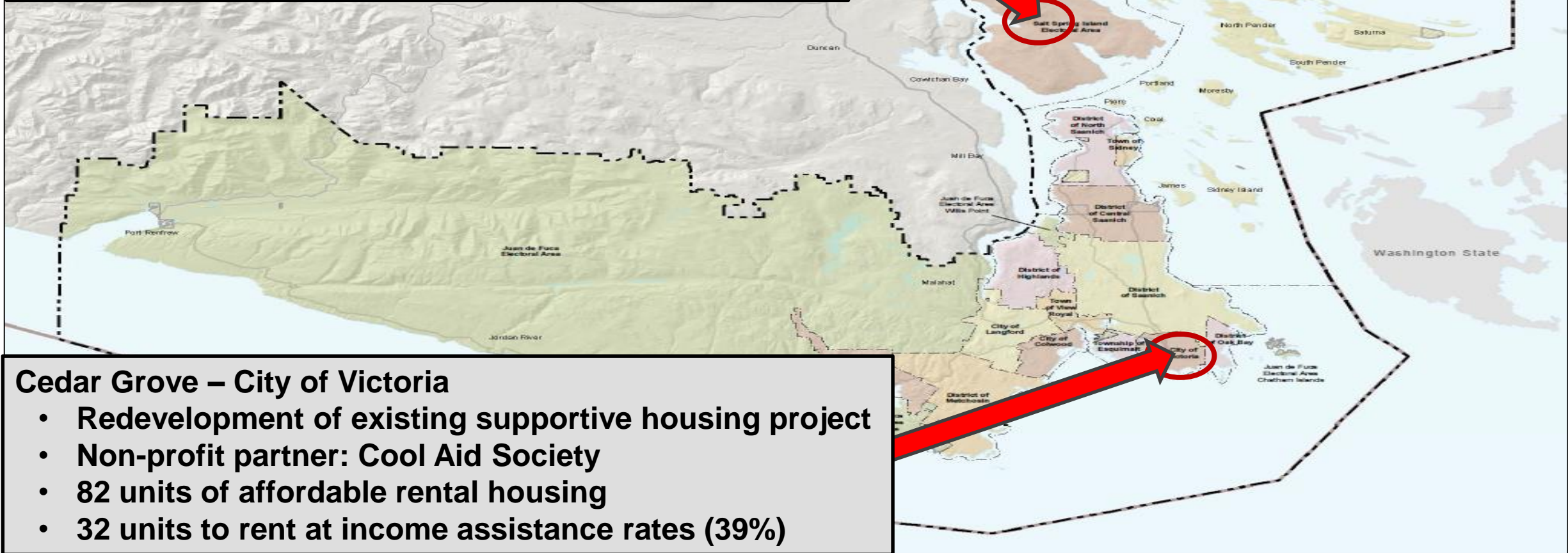


Note: Proportions may vary depending on economic factors associated with each project

Current RHFP Projects

Croftonbrook – Salt Spring Island

- Expansion of existing affordable housing project
- Island Women Against Violence Society
- Total of 52 units of affordable rental housing
- 18 units to rent at income assistance rates (34%)



Cedar Grove – City of Victoria

- Redevelopment of existing supportive housing project
- Non-profit partner: Cool Aid Society
- 82 units of affordable rental housing
- 32 units to rent at income assistance rates (39%)

- **Responsiveness to unique regional needs**
- **Alignment of programs across sectors**
- **Sustained engagement of local partners**
- **Shared responsibility among local governments**
- **Transparency and accountability**
- **Efficient use of resources**

Challenges to Coordination

- **Lack of housing supply**
- **Persistently low vacancy rate (0.5%)**
- **Urgency and political expediency**
- **Community receptiveness**
- **Time required to get new affordable stock built**
- **Lack of funding for community development**
- **Competing priorities among stakeholders**

- **Implement a well coordinated system of care**
 - **Regional Housing First Outcomes Strategy**
 - **Regional Homelessness Management Information System**
 - **Coordinated Assessment and Access**
 - **Engagement with People with Lived Experience**
 - **Housing Stability Policies**

- **Point in Time Count – Spring 2018**

- **RHFP EOI #2 for RHFP underway**
 - **Indigenous populations**
 - **Youth**
 - **Women escaping violence**

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