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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: Housing and Homelessness Services 2024 Grants: Renter Services Grants and SRO Upgrading Grants

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve 14 Renter Services Grants totalling \$515,200 from the 2024 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (“EHT Allocation”), to the organizations listed in Appendix A of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve an SRO Upgrading Grant totaling \$60,000 from the 2024 Capital Budget – SRO¹ Upgrade Granting Program, to the Vancouver Tsung Tsin (Hakka) Association subject to:
 - i. All required development and building permits having been issued by the City; and
 - ii. The Vancouver Tsung Tsin (Hakka) Association entering into and registering on title to the property a Housing Agreement with a term of 3 years (until 2027) that will secure six rooms at 542 Keefer Street at rents no greater than the shelter component of income assistance (currently \$500 a single person), and otherwise upon such terms and conditions as the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services may require.
- C. THAT Council approve an SRO Upgrading Grant totalling \$75,000 from the 2024 Capital Budget – SRO Upgrade Granting Program to the Downtown Eastside

¹ For the purpose of this report, the terms SRO and SRA are interchangeable. “SRA” is language used in the *Vancouver Charter* and the SRA Bylaw to regulate the stock commonly known as Single Room Occupancies or SROs.

SRO Collaborative Society (SRO-C), subject to a Grant Report containing terms and conditions outlined in this report, including reporting requirements.

- D. THAT Council allocate \$500,000 from the Empty Homes Tax Reserve for an additional year of the Renter Services Grants program for 2025 to enable non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes.
- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206 (1) (j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization that is to receive a grant pursuant to the above recommendations which is not a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, to be an organization contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- F. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, that satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grants described in this report to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).
- G. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Approval of recommendations A, B and C require 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members per section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval of 14 Renter Services Grants totalling \$515,200 to enable renter-serving non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters, and two grants totalling \$135,000 to fund repairs and maintenance needs in SRO buildings.

It also recommended that Council allocate \$500,000 from the Empty Homes Tax Reserve to fund an additional year of the Renter Services Grant program for 2025.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Please see Appendix E for all aligned Council Authority and Previous Decisions.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

Renter Services Grants

On June 12, 2019 (RTS 13180), Vancouver City Council formally approved funding to enhance non-profit advocacy and support services to Vancouver renters. Council approved the allocation of \$1.5 million over 3 years (2020-2022) from Empty Homes Tax (EHT) reserve, with \$500,000 to be allocated to each funding cycle. The Renter Services Grants program was subsequently created as a mechanism for disbursing this funding to non-profit partners.

On June 27, 2023 (RTS 15444), Council approved the continuation of Renter Services Grants for 2024 with \$500,000 to be allocated from Empty Homes Tax (EHT) reserve.

Funding through grants for renter serving organizations creates the opportunity for the City to work with community-based partners to better support and engage more renters in Vancouver. The funding can also encourage greater sector collaboration, proactive renter advocacy and research, and support long-term sector resilience.

- Over 2,200 Vancouver renters contacted organizations for assistance to pursue their rights and seek support services in navigating and maintaining their housing
- More than 300 youths impacted through renter services grants including support to search, secure, and/or maintain their housing
- Workshops were developed to empower and educate renters on their rights in different languages, including Arabic, Cantonese, Dari, Farsi, and Mandarin

Further information on the impact of Renter Services grants can be found in the [ACCS Grant Impact report](#).

SRO Upgrading Grants

The SRO Upgrading Grant Program was first approved as part of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Local Area Plan implementation in 2014. The grant program provides funding to non-profit housing operators to improve livability and life safety conditions of buildings designated under the SRA By-Law, while also securing affordability of rooms for low-income residents.

Discussion

2024 Renter Services Grants (Recommendation A)

Application, Review and Adjudication Processes

The 2024 Renter Service Grants information guide and application package were posted online in the early fall of 2023 prior to the application opening date. Email notifications with grant application information were sent to over 200 non-profit organizations in Vancouver. Where necessary, staff arranged additional meetings to answer questions and assist applicants.

Prior to adjudication, staff reviewed all applications to ensure they met eligibility requirements and conducted detailed reviews using grant program-specific criteria. The criteria was established in alignment with Council priorities, based on “good practice” for program and organizational management.

An adjudication team included staff from Homelessness Services, Affordable Housing, as well as Social Policy Grants.

Evaluation and Investment Principles

In evaluating the grant applications, staff gave priority consideration to projects or services that met a range of principles and priorities, including:

- To fund a diversity of applications to ensure all goal areas are addressed (understanding rights, pursuing rights, retaining housing);
- To support projects whose primary focus is reducing conditions that create vulnerability for Vancouver renters;

- To consider equity and allocate funding so as to serve a range of equity-denied renter populations across the city;
- To consider the sustainability of the proposed project and the applicant’s ability to expand capacity and leverage other investments and/or partnerships;
- To consider the level of innovation or enhancement to renter services; and
- To consider the overall quality of the proposal.

Summary of Grants Recommended in this Report

This year, \$515,200 is available to allocate to organizations.² Staff received a total of 20 applications to the 2024 Renter Services Grants program, requesting a combined total of \$983,320.

This report recommends approval of 14 Renter Services Grants totalling \$515,200 (source of funds the 2024 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget - EHT Allocation) See Table 1.

Please see Appendix A for specific grant recommendations.

Table 1. Summary of Grants Recommendation A

SOURCE OF FUNDING	# APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	# GRANTS RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED
2024 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (EHT Allocation)	20	\$983,320	14	\$515,200
TOTAL	20	\$983,320	14	\$515,200

Overview of Renter Services Grants Being Recommended

The 14 Renter Services Grants being recommended in this report encompass a range of services, programs and activities that support Vancouver renters. The grants aim to positively impact Vancouver renters in need of support or education, and support the needs of a diversity of low-income, equity-denied and at-risk renter populations across the city.

Activities supported by the grants include:

- Initiatives to empower and educate Vancouver renters, including seniors, women who are equity denied, individuals experiencing mental health challenges, and low income residents through a variety of approaches. This includes: info lines, online courses, and in-person programs.
- The pursuit of innovative solutions to increase the supply of wheelchair accessible rental housing in the City of Vancouver.

² One successful applicant from the 2023 Renter Services Grants declined their \$15,200 grant so this amount has been included in the 2024 allocation.

- The recruitment and training of volunteer lawyers and law students to appear before the Residential Tenancy Branch and the BC Supreme Court on behalf of Vancouver renters.

As the total amount of funding requested exceeded the budget, not all applications are able to be recommended for full funding. One application is being recommended for full funding and 13 applications are being recommended for partial funding. Appendix A summarizes the applications received and the recommended funding level of each. Appendix C summarizes applications not being recommended for funding.

SRO Upgrading Grants (Recommendations B and C)

Most SROs are over 100 years old and require significant investment and upkeep to remain operational and safe for residents, including addressing ongoing need for capital maintenance and upgrades. The two SRO Upgrading Grants being recommended in this report support the repairs and maintenance needs identified by SRO tenants and operators.

The \$60,000 grant to the Tsung Vancouver Tsung Tsin (Hakka) Association will fund repairs in washroom and shared kitchen/toilet areas in its six-unit building, improving building conditions and safety for the existing tenants. Through a Housing Agreement, the affordability of all six rooms will be secured at a maximum of shelter rate for a period of three years.

The \$75,000 grant to the DTES SRO Collaborative Society will support capital improvements in eight privately-owned SROs through expansion of its BOLTS (Building Operations Led by Tenants) program. BOLTS crew members assist their neighbours with minor repairs, cleaning and maintenance requests in order to maintain a better standard of living for all tenants in the buildings. The funding will be subject to a grant agreement which outlines specific terms and conditions, including reporting requirements related to how the funds are spent.

SRO Upgrading Grants are available on a rolling basis. Two applicants applied and both are being recommended for funding (see Appendix B). Staff reviewed both applications to ensure they met eligibility requirements and conducted detailed reviews using grant program-specific criteria.

Table 2. Summary of Grants Recommendation B and C

SOURCE OF FUNDING	# APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	# GRANTS RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED
2024 Capital Budget – SRO Upgrade Granting Program	2	\$135,000	2	\$135,000
TOTAL	2	\$135,000	2	\$135,000

Financial Implications

2024 Renter Services Grant

The total \$515,200 funding recommended in this report for 2024 Renter Services Grants is included in the 2024 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (EHT Allocation). This report recommends continuation of the Renter Services Grants in 2025 Grant budget and EHT funding to be included as part of the 2025 Operating budget process

The total \$135,000 funding recommended in this report for SRO Upgrading Grants is included in the 2024 Capital Budget – SRO Upgrade Granting Program. Monitoring, oversight, and future grant requests will be managed by the SRO-C and Supportive Housing team in ACCS.

The combined total of grant funds being recommended is therefore \$650,200 (Table 3). Grant funds will be disbursed by April 2024.

Table 3. Source of Funds

Source of Funds	2024 Investment
2024 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (EHT Allocation)	\$515,200
2024 Capital – SRO Upgrade Granting Program	\$135,000
TOTAL	\$650,200

EHT has a reserve balance set aside for emerging priorities. This reserve can be utilized to fund the 2025 Renter Services Grant Program.

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**APPENDIX A
 2024 RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED**

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia	<p>Vancouver Renter Legal Services Project</p> <p>The Project will enhance APB’s capacity to provide legal assistance and representation to low- and modest-income Vancouver renters confronting tenancy-threatening legal problems in Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) hearings and in the BC Supreme Court. The Program will prevent evictions and help keep vulnerable community members housed.</p>	\$48,000	\$48,900	\$45,000
Aunt Leah’s Independent Lifeskills Society	<p>Friendly Landlord Network (FLN)</p> <p>A network of homeowners and property managers who rent suites to youth and families transitioning from government care, along with the support of 31 local partner organizations. Landlords receive market rent and ongoing tenancy support, including monthly in-person check-ins by partner support workers; renters receive tenancy support and training.</p>	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$15,200
B.W.S.S.: Battered Women's Support Services Association	<p>How to Survive a Housing Crisis</p> <p>How to Survive a Housing Crisis program will provide a weekly educational workshop series and 32 hours per week of one-to-one support and advocacy by a Support Worker/Housing Specialist to survivors who are experiencing or have survived Gender-Based Violence.</p>	\$51,500	\$51,500	\$50,000

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
Disability Alliance BC Society	<p>The Right Fit: Uncovering Accessible Housing Supply in Vancouver</p> <p>The Right Fit Program (RFP) addresses the crisis in wheelchair accessible housing in Vancouver. Using a multi-partner approach, the RFP offers a streamlined service delivery model to connect indoor wheelchair users with affordable housing. This project seeks to uncover and increase accessible housing supply in Vancouver.</p>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$32,000
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	<p>Directions Housing Subsidy & Support</p> <p>Directions Housing Subsidy & Support program provides financial assistance for youth in Greater Vancouver experiencing homelessness or at-risk of losing housing. The Housing and Life Skills support worker helps youth to secure and maintain safe housing through skill-building workshops and 1:1 support.</p>	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$38,000
First United Church Community Ministry Society	<p>Advocacy Services</p> <p>For 50 years First United has provided free legal advocacy for low-income and marginalized people living in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. Serving approximately 1,500 clients each year, those with tenancy issues are our largest proportion of clients. Our advocates provide free services from legal information and advice to full legal representation.</p>	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$45,000

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	<p>Renters' Support and Outreach</p> <p>This project supports the rental needs of seniors and newcomers in the Mount Pleasant and Little Mountain neighbourhoods by offering first language workshops and one to one supports. We will help to ensure these populations feel empowered and understand the rental landscape and feel confident to seek support when needed.</p>	N/A	\$35,000	\$25,000
Rainbow Refugee Society	<p>QHINNT (Queer Housing Information and Navigation for Newcomers Timely)</p> <p>Rainbow Refugee is aware of the urgent need for sexually diverse and gender diverse newcomers to be housed in safe, affordable and accessible/adequate housing. Q-HINNT will connect LGBTQI migrants and refugees with individual supports and housing navigation services to improve their well-being in Vancouver and will work closely with stakeholders.</p>	\$50,000	\$73,598	\$45,000
Seniors First BC Society	<p>Legal Housing Advocate</p> <p>Seniors First BC continues to employ a Legal Housing Advocate who responds to growing number of housing-related files in our Legal Advocacy Program</p>	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,000

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
Seniors Services Society of BC	<p>Vancouver Seniors Housing Navigator Training</p> <p>Our program empowers and supports Vancouver seniors in private market rental housing and those working in the seniors' sector with knowledge of the seniors housing system, housing navigation, and resources for advocacy, including tenancy rights and elder abuse, minimizing the impacts of homelessness, particularly for disadvantaged seniors.</p>	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$30,000
TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre	<p>Free Legal Education and Representation for Vancouver Renters</p> <p>TRAC will provide Vancouver renters with free legal education and direct advocacy services, including full representation at Residential Tenancy Branch dispute resolution hearings. This work will target private market renters who are experiencing social, physical, and/or economic disadvantages and/or who face discrimination.</p>	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
The Kettle Friendship Society	<p>Mental Health Advocacy</p> <p>This program assists clients with understanding their rights, pursuing their rights and/or retaining their housing through the dissemination of information, resources, and through providing representation. While our program supports a diversity of needs, we are unique in our ability to support among the most vulnerable communities – individuals living with chronic mental health and/or concurrent health and substance use challenges.</p>	\$43,000	\$49,919	\$40,000

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
West End Seniors' Network Society	<p>Renter Navigation Services for Seniors</p> <p>Older adult renter needs in the West End of Vancouver have increased in complexity and frequency. This proposal aims to increase knowledge of renter rights among seniors, support advocacy when needed, one to one housing consultation appointments, and community cafes. Lifting the knowledge, connection and security of senior renters.</p>	\$3,848	\$40,000	\$20,000
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	<p>Chinese Renter Services</p> <p>Chinese Renter Services employs two full time Outreach Workers to engage low income, non-English speaking Chinese seniors in Chinatown, the DTES, Oppenheimer, and Strathcona neighbourhoods. This include intake of housing service requests and clients, empowering clients with tenancy resources, and following housing cases until their resolution or next referral.</p>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Total Requested		\$670,417	
	Total Recommending			\$515,200

**APPENDIX B
SRO UPGRADING GRANTS RECOMMENDED**

SRO UPGRADING GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recom
Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society	<p>BOLTS (Building Operations Led by Tenants)</p> <p>Through the BOLTS program, the SRO-C identifies a tenant in each participating building who has prior experience in building maintenance. The role of a BOLTS crew member is to assist their neighbours with minor repairs, cleaning and maintenance requests in order to maintain a better standard of living for all tenants in the buildings. Crew members are trained in basic cleaning and maintenance skills, and many come with years of experience in the construction, electrical or plumbing trades.</p>	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
The Vancouver Tsung Tsin (Hakka) Association	<p>542 Keefer Street</p> <p>The Vancouver Tsung Tsin (Hakka) Association will undertake repairs in both washroom and shared kitchen/toilet areas in its 6-unit building. This includes replacing damaged walls, floors, fixtures, and appliances, as well as repainting and installing new amenities like water-saving toilets and exhaust fans. Additionally, repairs extend to fixing drainage systems, replacing pipes, and refreshing the overall aesthetics with new tiling and paint.</p>	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
	Total Requested		\$135,000	
	Total Recommending			\$135,000

**APPENDIX C
 2024 RENTER SERVICES GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED**

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
411 Seniors Centre Society	<p>I & R for Renters</p> <p>This program will leverage the knowledge and expertise of the 411 Seniors' flagship program Information & Referral services to assist low-income seniors that are experiencing the threat of homelessness or are homeless. The program will support and advocate on behalf of low-income seniors in the dispute resolution process.</p>	N/A	\$36,000	\$0
Connective Support Society	<p>Vancouver Community Services Office</p> <p>The Vancouver Community Services Office provides drop-in services for community members facing barriers to community inclusion, including those with difficulties securing and/or maintaining housing. Among other things, we support service users to complete housing applications, access financial resources, connect with legal supports, and understand their rights within the rental market</p>	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$0
Covenant House Vancouver	<p>Youth Housing Support</p> <p>Covenant House's Youth Housing Support program will support youth aged 16-24 who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness to gain knowledge of their rights and responsibilities as a renter. This objective will be accomplished by providing coaching, support, and education to youth including through the delivery of group housing workshops.</p>	\$30,000	\$71,811	\$0

RENTER SERVICES GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2023 Grant	2024 Request	2024 Recommend
Jewish Family Services of Vancouver	<p>Housing Advocacy and Empowerment Program</p> <p>The Housing Advocacy and Empowerment Program builds upon our current housing supports which are currently offered through our case management services. We will employ a housing advocate to support housing clients with barriers to equity through direct advocacy, application support and capacity building /educational workshops and resources.</p>	\$26,152	\$29,686	\$0
La cooperative d'immigration Le Relais Francophone de la Colombie Britannique	<p>Smart Renting Vancouver</p> <p>Will be dedicated to building a strong, supportive community for newcomers seeking housing solutions and hosting engaging monthly workshops, and providing individual support. Through these initiatives, we empower tenants to understand their rights, foster a culture of awareness, and then create pathways to secure affordable, safe, and permanent housing.</p>	N/A	\$55,406	\$0
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.	<p>Operation Welcome Home</p> <p>Operation Welcome Home provides wraparound housing supports to displaced newcomers in need of emergency housing and support due to unexpected upheaval. Supports include workshops to navigate rental housing and navigation supports in finding transitional and permanent housing.</p>	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$0
	Total Requested		\$ 292,903	
	Total Recommending			\$0

**APPENDIX D
 SUMMARY OF RENTER SERVICES GRANT FUNDING (2020-2023)**

Table 1. Renter Services Grants Awarded 2020-2023

Year	# of Grant Applicants	Total Amount Requested	# of Grant Recipients	Total Amount Awarded¹	RTS #
2020	23	\$1,425,054	14	\$585,000 ²	13412
2021	19	\$1,104,373	12	\$575,000	14068
2022	22	\$1,275,961	14	\$600,000	14763 & 14827
2023	21	\$1,040,656	20	\$809,800 ³	15388
Total	85	\$4,846,044	60	\$2,569,800	

¹ Includes annual grant to support private SRO tenants of \$75,000.

² On February 26, 2020 (RTS 13412), Council approved 15 grants totalling \$625,000. In March 2022, one of the grant recipients declined their grant in the amount of \$40,000. Thus the actual number of 2020 grant recipients was 14 and the actual amount disbursed was \$585,000.

³ On March 28, 2023 (RTS 15388), Council approved 21 grants totalling \$825,000. In June 2023, one of the grant recipients declined their grant in the amount of \$150,200. Thus the actual number of 2020 grant recipients was 20 and the actual amount disbursed was \$809,800.

APPENDIX E COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On March 28, 2023 (RTS 15388), Council approved the disbursement of \$750,000 in Renter Services Grants to 20 non-profits and one SRO Tenants Support Grant totaling \$75,000 (\$750,000 from 2023 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget [EHT Allocation] and \$75,000 from the 2023 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230328/documents/r4.pdf>

On January 18, 2023 (RTS 14850), Council approved the continuation of the Renter Services Grants program for 2023 (\$750,000, source of funding Affordable Housing – EHT Allocation), and further directed staff to consider and make recommendations, as warranted, for enhanced and/or expanded grants within the Renter Services Grants program to ensure that renters are fully and appropriately supported in the city of Vancouver.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230118/documents/pspc20230118min.pdf#page=7>

On December 7, 2022 (RTS 14827), Council approved the disbursement of \$25,000 in Renter Service Grants to one non-profit from 2022 Affordable Housing Operating Budget EHT reserve funds.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20221207/documents/pspc20221207min.pdf#page=4>

On March 1, 2022 (RTS 14763), Council approved the disbursement of \$575,000 in Renter Services Grants to 13 non-profits (\$500,000 from 2022 Affordable Housing Operating Budget EHT reserve funds, \$75,000 from the SRO Upgrade Granting Program).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20220301/documents/regu20220301min.pdf#page=4>

On March 9, 2021 (RTS 14068), Council approved the disbursement of \$575,000 in Renter Services Grants to 12 non-profits (\$500,000 from 2020 Affordable Housing Operating Budget EHT reserve funds, \$75,000 from the SRO Upgrade Granting Program).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210309/documents/regu20210309min.pdf#page=9>

On February 26, 2020 (RTS 13412), Council approved the disbursement of \$625,000 in Renter Services Grants to 15 non-profits (\$550,000 from 2020 Affordable Housing Operating Budget EHT reserve funds, and \$75,000 from the SRO Upgrade Granting Program).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20200226/documents/cfsc20200226min.pdf#page=2>

On June 12, 2019 (RTS 13180), Council approved the creation of funding for renter services to be allocated through grants or contracts to support non-profit renter-serving and advocacy organizations, allocating \$1.5 million to fund renter services and advocacy programs for three years from Empty Homes Tax reserve funds.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20190612/documents/pspc20190612min.pdf#page=2>

On November 28, 2017, Council approved the *Housing Vancouver Strategy* and *Housing Vancouver 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2020*. The 10-year *Housing Vancouver Strategy* is intended to foster a diverse and vibrant city, and is founded on the following:

1. Creating the 'Right Supply' of housing and addressing speculative demand
2. Protecting and retaining the existing rental stock
3. Supporting renters and vulnerable residents

The Strategy also embedded the SRO revitalization actions into a citywide framework to address housing affordability.

The current Council-approved goal is to replace SROs with self-contained, shelter-rate social housing for singles, with an accelerated replacement target of 2,000 new units over 10 years.

In meantime goal is to Improving building conditions while securing affordability
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20171128/documents/regu20171128min.pdf#page=3>

On March 12, 2014 (RTS 010175), Council adopted the Downtown Eastside Plan which identifies the need to replace 5,000 SRO rooms over the next 30 years with safe, secure and self-contained dwelling units on a one for one basis, while also upgrading the current stock in the interim.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20140312/documents/cfsc5.PDF>