

Organizations that have received grants

2009

**Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services Society
Langley/Aldergrove Homelessness Initiative**

**\$200,000
Over two years**

This project focuses on the development of youth housing in Langley and Aldergrove. Consisting of two major components, a youth drop-in centre in Aldergrove and a continuum of housing options serving both communities, the project significantly increases the capacity for these communities to link youth with housing and supports.

Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services is a broad-based, community service organization established in 1995 as the result of a community driven process focused on bringing services to Aldergrove. Initially, services were focused on children and families but, over the past 14 years, the agency has grown significantly to include youth and adult services. [More](#)

**Atira Women's Resource Society
120 Jackson**

**\$250,000
Over two years**

Atira will be providing housing to young women (and their children) fleeing violence, including young women exiting the sex trade, new moms and female child sex workers. Twenty young women who are currently homeless or in dangerous housing situations will have long-term and safe housing, with supports. The program recognizes that many of these young women need to receive supports both as young mothers and as children themselves. A live-in House Mom will be on-site to help address these needs.

Atira Women's Resource Society is a community-based organization that supports all women, and their children, who are experiencing the impact of violence committed against them and/or their children. Through education, advocacy and outreach, Atira is an active voice in the struggle to end violence against women and their children. [More](#)

**Aunt Leah's Independent Life Skills Society
The LINK**

**\$175,000
Over three years**

LINK is an ongoing program providing support to youth transitioning out of care and offering protection from homelessness. It offers drop-in services for 30 to 50 former foster children each year and one emergency apartment for a young person whose tenancy has broken down due to mental health issues or hidden disabilities. This grant will enable LINK to acquire three additional emergency suites and hire a full-time transition worker.

Aunt Leah's helps prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless and mothers in need from losing custody of their children. To support them on their journey to self-sufficiency, they provide housing, job training and coaching on essential life skills. [More](#)

Youth Homelessness Initiative

Covenant House Vancouver Mental Health Program

\$200,000
Over two years

One of the most significant barriers that youth face in accessing and maintaining affordable and safe housing is unmanaged mental illness. Covenant House will provide youth struggling with mental illness access to immediate, on-site treatment coordinated by a mental health clinician and delivered by a team of psychiatrists from St. Paul's Hospital. The program's goal is to help young people become healthy and stable enough to access safe and affordable housing.

Covenant House Vancouver provides street-involved youth, aged 16-24, with a continuum of care that includes: street outreach; a daily drop-in with hot meals; short-term and long-term transitional housing; mental health and addictions support; and counseling to ensure they become healthy and independent. [More](#)

2008 Grants

BladeRunners ACCESS BladeRunners Homelessness Initiative

\$95,000
One year grant

The BladeRunners program helps youth at-risk build careers in construction. The homelessness rates of young people involved in the program fluctuates between 85-92%. This initiative provided an opportunity for Bladerunners to formalize its work and better support young people to secure and maintain housing.

BladeRunners is an award winning employment program that helps youth at-risk build careers in construction and other industries. Young people are placed in career related jobs and are supported to maintain their employment. [More](#)

Broadway Youth Resource Centre Scattered-Site Supported Housing Program

\$222,388
Over two years

This housing initiative uses a scattered-site approach in which young people are primarily housed in the private rental housing market. Broadway Youth Resource Centre rents units and, in turn, sublets them to young people. As part of the scattered-site model, support services are provided to assist youth to achieve and maintain independence.

Open since 1999, Broadway Youth Resource Centre (BYRC) is an integrated one-stop centre that provides a wide range of social, health, education, employment and life skills services to homeless and at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 24. [More](#)

**Directions Youth Services Centre
Housing First For Youth Aged 19-24**

**\$95,000
Over two years**

At Directions Youth Services Centre, twenty homeless youth aged 19-24 are receiving support over a two year period to find, acquire and maintain housing. The program focuses on developing individualized housing and life-skills plans for each youth participant. Youth workers work closely with the youth to evaluate their success and ensure their housing issues and conflicts are addressed.

Directions Youth Services Centre, operated by Family Services of Greater Vancouver, provides Vancouver's homeless youth and youth at-risk with a single entry point to access the tools, support, and guidance they need to go about making healthy, positive changes in their lives. [More](#)

**Watari Research Association
Transitions to Independence Program (TTIP)
for Pregnant and Parenting Youth**

**\$330,000
Over three years**

This initiative provides 10 units of supported, independent housing for youth with addiction and/or mental health issues who are pregnant or parenting young children. The program consists of two components - a monthly rent supplement to enable youth to rent affordable market apartments, and support services provided by a dedicated youth housing outreach worker.

Watari Research Association's primary mission is to facilitate positive change in the lives of at-risk children, youth, their families and communities in the Downtown Eastside and the Greater Vancouver/Richmond areas. [More](#)