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SILVER WINNER

Metro Vancouver & CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.

What Works: Securing Affordable and Special Needs Housing through Housing Agreements

Project Partners

BC Housing (funding support and assistance) & Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors (subcontractors to CitySpaces for legal review of the Resource Guide)

Project Summary

Metro Vancouver initiated the What Works: Securing Affordable and Special Needs Housing through Housing Agreements project in November 2018, concluding with the release of a comprehensive Resource Guide in the Spring of 2020. Working collaboratively with housing planners, the housing development sector, and non-profit housing providers across BC, the project was able to identify key factors that contribute to the successful creation and implementation of Housing Agreements. This project is intended to help local governments employ Housing Agreements by identifying success factors and key considerations for entering into, administering, monitoring, and enforcing a Housing Agreement; highlighting common challenges and proposed solutions for local governments; and presenting illustrative scenarios that highlight Housing Agreement best practices for a diversity of housing types. The outputs of this project provide practical guidance to support local governments across BC as they develop these agreements to secure affordable and special needs housing in their communities.

