

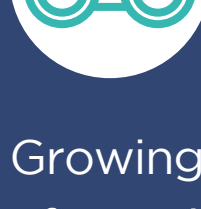
Building stronger communities by focusing on what matters most to you.

The Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHF BC) is a membership association and group of social enterprises created and owned by housing co-operatives. We are the hub for developing and strengthening co-op communities, representing the interests of almost **260 housing co-operatives**. CHF BC is dedicated to improving well-being and creating a supportive environment for co-operative living and learning.



MISSION

Unite, represent and serve our members in a thriving co-operative housing movement.



VISION

Growing an inclusive community of sustainable and permanently affordable co-operative housing.

2022 is a milestone year for us.

Forty years ago, a group of housing co-ops united, creating a federation to be a resource and voice for B.C.'s housing co-ops. Now we represent almost **15,000 co-op homes**, employ more than **130 staff** and are a leader in the co-op housing movement.

Stronger than ever, we provide our members with the representation and resources they need to thrive. CHF BC is part of a national and international co-operative movement bound together by **principles** that have stood the test of time.

Moving Forward Together – Working Toward A Shared Vision For A Bright Future.

To support housing co-operatives in being thriving communities, the CHF BC group of social enterprises adopted three strategic goals: **belonging**, **sustainability**, and **growth**.

BELONGING

We want our co-ops to be communities that promote and embody:

- Equitable access
- Opportunity
- Sense of belonging for everyone
- Respect
- Commitment to listening, learning and changing

We are committed to **amplifying the voices of our members, friends and partners** so that inclusivity becomes the norm in our world.

Check Out These Resources!

Co-op Foundations and part of **our Truth and Reconciliation journey** with Indigenous peoples.

Featured Speaker Series to challenge our conventional views and help shape our understanding of how our own privilege can lead to behaviour that excludes others.

SUSTAINABILITY

We want to model the best practices of social, economic and environmental sustainability in everything we do.

Environmental **Sustainability Grant**.

Climate emergency advice and awareness.

ARC program for co-ops to create a shared vision and plan to achieve it.

Shared ownership of **Encasa**, a socially focused investment fund manager to manage the investment of reserves and other long-term funds for co-ops and non profits across Canada.

GROWTH

Our shared vision of co-op housing for all inspires us to expand co-op housing in British Columbia and effectively advocate for more co-operative housing across the country.

We welcome the recent federal budget announcement of **\$1.5 billion dollars** specifically targeted to **develop 6,000 more co-op homes** across the country. This is the first new federal co-op housing program in 30 years and we are excited to work with our partners at CHF Canada.

The Community Land Trust (CLT) portfolio now has

🏠 **527 homes under construction**

🏠 **1,100+ under active development**

🏠 **Almost 1,200 occupied**

Including the near complete North Arm Housing Co-op that will provide 58 homes for those aged 55+ on Vancouver's Fraser Street.

Delivering On Promises – Creating Vibrant Housing Co-operatives Together.

We are **investing over \$3 million dollars** in the priorities that matter most to you. These goals –and more– will be achieved through our key programs and services delivered by CHF BC, COHO and the Community Land Trust.



EDUCATION

Strengthening social connections and knowledge by creating a platform of learning that is easily accessible and developing tools and resources that facilitate co-op living.

- Twice yearly education conferences and events in Vancouver and Victoria.
- Education programs and services including on line and in person workshops, monthly movie nights.
- Featured speaker series on issues facing housing co-ops.
- Professional meeting chairing services for members across the province.



PLANNING AND RENEWAL

Providing expert advice and assistance so housing co-ops remain sustainable, thriving communities. We help give direction on using **long-term planning to complete major capital projects** and accessing the borrowing required to complete those projects.

- Build on our planning and renewal program so your co-op has access to professional planning services and financing!



GROUP BUYING

Harnessing the combined purchasing power of 15,000 households to provide **significant savings on quality products and services** that housing co-ops need.

Some examples of deals for our members include:

- CHIP (Co-operative Housing Interest Pool)** program will deliver even more value to members and better returns to CHF BC than to retail customers.
- As of June 1, 2022, deposits in the Vancity CHIP account, were earning 1.8% interest, more than a full percentage point higher than typical retail accounts.
- Save on mobile medical alert devices through our new **Living Well partnership with Telus**.
- **For Vancouver Island Co-ops** Island members can finally access Co-op discounts and get cash back yearly on maintenance supplies. Get set up with a Lowe's Tillicum store charge account in Fall 2022.

CO-OP SERVICES



Anticipating and engaging with members to support their commitment to good governance, democratic leadership, financial sustainability and sound management.

Our services ensure you have **the advice and support you need** by phone, email or in person. Here are a few reasons why members reach out:

- Co-op operational issues
- Membership selection
- Dispute resolution
- Board and director responsibilities

We're ready to provide guidance to co-ops looking at implementing hybrid meeting options, or any other choices they make on their journey.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS



Communicating across many different platforms to keep people connected. A key part of what we do is **communicating with members, allies, governments and the public**. We are investing in more tools and capacity to reach out to you in the way you prefer while strengthening our collective voice to the broader public.

- Continuing our transition to hybrid in-person and online member events and meetings allowing us to be a more inclusive organization, as requested by our members.

- Building on the strength of the broader community housing sector to be an even stronger voice for housing co-ops, including pushing for increased investments to protect, preserve and expand co-op housing in BC, implementing a federal and provincial Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy, and protecting the interests of co-ops on leased land.



COHO MANAGEMENT SERVICES SOCIETY

Supporting the **governance, professional management and maintenance** of co-op homes and communities. COHO is a non-profit property management society owned by CHF BC members and specializing in housing co-ops.

- COHO will continue to provide top-quality management services designed especially for housing co-ops.
- COHO's clients include more than 6,000 co-op homes.



COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) GROUP OF SOCIETIES

Acquiring, developing and preserving affordable housing for future generations. CLT is a group of non-profit social-purpose real estate societies, created and owned by CHF BC.

- CLT will continue to lead the country in the acquisition, development and redevelopment of co-op homes.



VANCOUVER ISLAND CO-OPS CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER!

In **2002**, the Vancouver Island Co-op Housing Association (VICHA) merged with CHF BC. The result has been a resounding success, establishing one federation serving housing co-ops across B.C.



HOUSING CENTRAL

Housing Central is a strategic alliance between BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA), the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) and CHF BC.

Our mission is to strengthen and grow the community-housing sector so all British Columbians have a safe, secure home they can afford.