

# Action on homelessness in Nova Scotia



The Department of Community Services provides funding to dozens of organizations that support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in our communities – from eviction prevention and shelter diversion to emergency sheltering and long-term supportive housing. These partner organizations also provide outreach, case management and other support services to Nova Scotians in communities across the province.

Since the fall of 2021, the department has:

- Increased the budget for homelessness initiatives by 360 per cent over the last three years to \$120 million in 2024-25
- Increased the budget for Employment Services and Income Assistance by 33 per cent over the last three years to \$590 million in 2024-25
- Added 195 new shelter beds for a total of 527 across the province
- Created a coordinated emergency weather response to support people experiencing homelessness during extreme heat and cold, including opening new temporary emergency shelters
- Invested \$7.5 million to create 200 units in shelter villages, including bed frames, mattresses and desks, showers, and laundry services
- Created more than 610 new supportive housing units for a total of over 800 across the province
- Invested \$9.4 million to build 60 tiny homes, which will provide housing for up to 70 people
- Provided almost \$2 million to service providers for diversion funding, which prevents homelessness by helping families maintain or secure housing
- Funded 24 new housing support workers for a total of 78 across the province
- Provided \$1.6 million in funding for new and expanded street outreach teams in HRM, CBRM and Truro