

# STEP: MOVING ON

## THE PROJECT

Streetohome Foundation is collaborating with the City of Vancouver, BC Housing and Vancouver Coastal Health on a pilot project to work with up to 100 individuals, who no longer require the level of tenant support services available in their current housing, and who are interested in exploring independent housing options. This may include social housing (subsidized), or lower-end-of-market housing. If the project is successful, the vacated homes can become available for street and sheltered homeless who require more comprehensive supports.

## WHY STEP?

We know there are individuals currently living in supportive housing who are ready to move into more independent housing, but given their current financial means, would require financial assistance to meet their goals. STEP (supporting tenants, enabling pathways) is the first program in the province to assist self-identified individuals who are ready to move on with their lives and towards self-sufficiency.

Streetohome  
has committed  
\$200,000

**Help us fund it!**



## STEP (supporting tenants, enabling pathways) benefits:

- **Optimize the use of supportive housing** – a limited and expensive resource – while freeing up units for those who are currently living in shelters or on the street and require more intense supports to remain housed.
- **Help 100 individuals to move on** with their lives to their preferred choice of housing and neighbourhood, taking into consideration of their financial constraints and availability of social housing (subsidized), lower-end-of-market housing, and shared accommodation options.
- Grants for **tenant transition expenses** may cover moving expenses, first and last month's rent, damage deposits and apartment start-up costs including modest household furnishings and kitchen essentials.
- Stewardship over reasonable transition costs will be assured through a **standardized assessment tool** to determine individual need on a case-by-case basis.
- Practical support (new neighbourhood orientation and navigation of community resources) and emotional support from a program coordinator on move logistics as well as regular check-ins following move to **ensure a successful transition**.

Streethome Foundation is working to leverage pathways out of homelessness in Vancouver. By the end of 2016, our funding has directly helped more than 2,600 vulnerable people through new supportive housing and homelessness prevention programs.

