



## About Katherine Sanford Housing Society

KSHS is a non-profit housing organization founded in 1989 with a mandate “to provide quality supported housing to persons with a mental illness and/or addictions.”

Over the past 19 years KSHS has developed 19 supported housing communities, accommodating people of all ages, in typical residential neighbourhoods in Vancouver and Richmond. The Society provides housing for more than 200 people, living in a range of housing options, from community homes that are staffed 24 hours a day to independent apartments that provide varying levels of support services.

KSHS specializes in housing development and property management, while partnering with other non-profits, like RainCity Housing, who provide support services. KSHS will manage the housing component on the site.



## About RainCity Housing Society

Founded in 1982, RainCity Housing and Support Society (formerly Triage Emergency Services & Care Society) offers a broad range of housing and support solutions for people living with mental illness, addictions and other challenges.

RainCity support programs are grounded in strengths-based approaches to recovery and community reintegration. We believe every person has strengths and every community has resources; our approach is to provide supports that build on the person’s strengths and help them acquire the resources and opportunities they need to move forward in their lives.

Over the past 25 years, services have been expanded to include:

- Emergency housing
- Supportive housing
- Women’s housing
- Transitional and long-term housing
- Homeless outreach
- Alcohol and drug free housing
- Food services
- Life skills support

RainCity Housing currently operates 2 outreach teams, 8 supportive housing programs totalling 264 units, and a 28 bed emergency shelter. RainCity Housing also partners with other non-profit housing providers to offer support services to tenants with complex health and social needs.

## Program and Support Services for 215 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

A range of housing and support services will be provided to tenants at 215 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Tenants will be referred through a central registry maintained by BC Housing. Priority will be given to individuals living in the Mount Pleasant area who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness and may be living with mental illness and/or addictions. The level of support will be matched to the diversity of tenants and will range from minimal support to high support.

Vancouver Coastal Health will provide funding for enhanced support for 30 individuals who are in the early stages of recovery from substance use.

Safe, secure, clean housing will enhance residents’ quality of life and enable them to more fully participate in the community. The support program at 215 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will ensure tenants are able to achieve and maintain stability in housing, health and basic needs.

Katherine Sanford Housing Society will be relocating their principal offices into the west portion of the main floor, contributing to the diversity of uses along West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and enhancing the Society's presence on site.

Features of the proposed housing development include:

- 147 self-contained housing units - 134 studios and 13 one-bedroom units, including 13 studio units designed for universal access
- 11-storey tower on the east side and a six-storey mid-rise building on the west side
- 10 residential floors in the tower and five residential floors in the mid-rise above offices and residential amenity areas on the ground floor
- Central reception area and administrative offices
- Separate residential amenity areas are provided for each of the mid-rise and tower sections of the building and include multipurpose rooms, computer area, laundry and recreational facilities, community kitchens, dining and lounge areas
- Three outdoor amenity spaces, including two ground level courtyard spaces and a roof terrace on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- Underground parking for 19 vehicles and 111 bicycles
- The building has been designed to LEED Gold certification standards and will include a green roof, solar-thermal panels and is intended to be a showcase of sustainability.<sup>1</sup>

RainCity Housing staff will provide residents with a variety of support services. Examples include:

- Multiple staff on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Front desk staff will be available 24/7 to engage with tenants, monitor guest access and ensure a positive environment within the building.
- Individualized service planning support for tenants who require one-to-one supports. This includes referrals to community-based resources and services, collaborative problem-solving and lifeskills coaching.
- Support with tenants' management of their medication and the possibility of future meal service
- Peer worker program
- Housekeeping
- Community building activities, including on-site and off-site recreational activities and creating partnerships with local organizations and community groups

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<sup>1</sup> *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)*  
<http://www.cagbc.org/leed/initiative/index.htm>