Housing in Our Community

A healthy housing stock includes many diverse forms and tenures of housing to meet the diverse needs of our residents. A traditional approach to a "housing continuum" implies the desired outcome to be a progression along the continuum until housing ownership is achieved. Instead, the "Wheelhouse" promotes equity and inclusion, recognizing that our housing stock needs to reflect the diverse needs of Kelowna residents (socioeconomic, demographic) and that people may move around the wheelhouse throughout their lives.

EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTER
Non-profit providers offer temporary shelter, food and other supportive services. Stays are typically 60 days or less.

OWNERSHIP HOUSING
Home ownership can be fee simple, strata ownership or shared equity (ie. mobile home park, cooperatives) and includes multi-unit and single detached housing.

RENTAL HOUSING
Primary market: 5+ purpose built units constructed for the purpose of long-term rental tenure, typically in apartments or townhomes
Secondary market: private housing also contributes to the rental market and can include many forms of housing such as apartments, townhomes, secondary suites, carriage homes and single-family dwellings.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
Non-profit housing providers offer stable housing as a step between shelters and long-term housing. Stays are typically 2-3 years, with supportive services aligned with need.
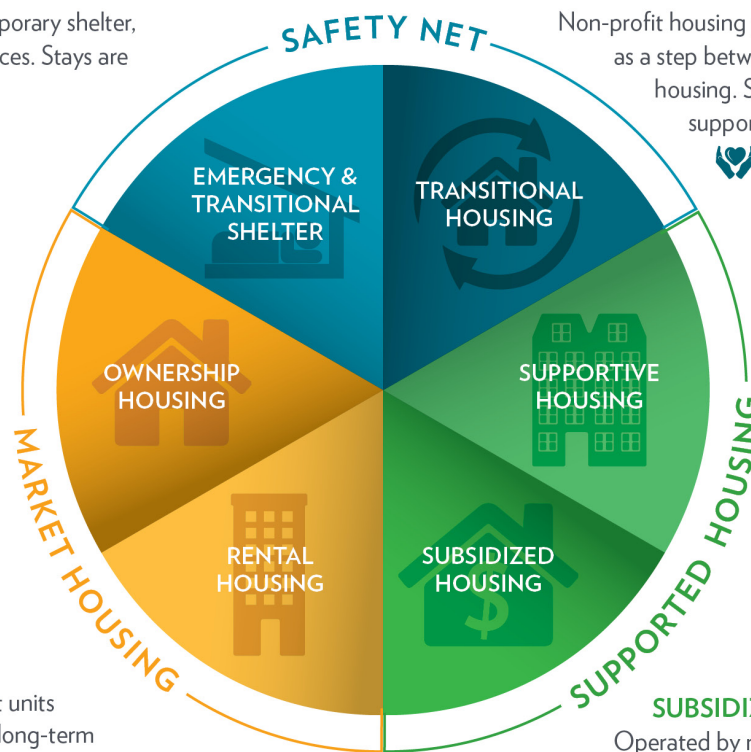
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
Housing providers offer long-term housing with ongoing supports aligned with need. The level of support varies in this category from supportive (low support), to assisted living (minor support) to residential care (full support).

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING
Operated by non-profit housing providers, BC Housing and cooperatives who provide supplemented rents through ongoing government subsidies for low income households.

Wheelhouse diagram segments: SAFETY NET — EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING; SUPPORTED HOUSING — SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, SUBSIDIZED HOUSING; MARKET HOUSING — OWNERSHIP HOUSING, RENTAL HOUSING

= supportive services   = financial support

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