

1338 Seymour St. designed to deliver both social and environmental sustainability

1338 Seymour Street has been designed to address sustainability in two significant ways: its social aspect, and its material and energy aspect.

The project— a partnership between BC Housing, the City of Vancouver and the Granville Mennonite Housing Society – provides subsidized rental housing as part of the Provincial Homelessness Initiative. The project consists of 106 single units plus a support space. The residents will be varied and will bring with them many challenges including addiction recovery and mental illness.

The facility's program and services are designed to help people develop their own support networks and move towards greater independence in the larger community. Tenants will have access to programs and services such as day-care, life skills training, support groups, budgeting, conflict resolution, as well as support services for those individuals in the recovery process.

In addition to the commitment to social sustainability the project is dedicated to achieving a significant level of environmental sustainability. 1338 Seymour Street is set to achieve a LEED Gold standard. Energy consumption for this project has been extensively modeled and studied in order to select the most appropriate and effective strategies to achieve energy use reduction and a reduced carbon footprint. The project has been registered with the CGBC and is currently projecting upwards of forty LEED points.

