

The Village – Youth Housing Program Overview

The Village at 8937 School Street in Chilliwack provides supportive housing for eligible youth. Funded by BC Housing and operated by Chilliwack Community Services (CCS), the program offers safe, stable housing with built-in support services.

Participation in the program is not a landlord–tenant relationship; it is a licensor–licensee arrangement under a program agreement. **The Residential Tenancy Act does not apply.**

CCS has full discretion to accept or deny applications based on eligibility and program fit.

Eligibility for Youth Services – *The Village* Program Participation

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be at least 16 years of age (*15 may be considered under special circumstances*) and less than 19 years of age (*19 may be considered under special circumstances*).
 2. Be assessed as experiencing **Absolute Homelessness** or **At Risk of Homelessness** (priority is given to pregnant or parenting youth). Exceptions may be made for those living in unsafe housing situations.
 3. Provide proof of income in the form of:
 - ✓ Recent paystub (within 4 weeks of application), OR
 - ✓ Confirmation of a Youth Agreement, OR
 - ✓ Current Independent Living Agreement, OR
 - ✓ Proof of enrolment in Underage Income Assistance.
Photocopied proof of income must be attached to the application.
 4. Successfully complete the Village **Panel Interview** (see Selection Process below).
 5. If the applicant currently has a ban from the Village, they must meet with the Program Director and Program Coordinator prior to submitting a new application.
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Selection & Referral Process

1. Referral Submission

- All referrals are submitted directly to the Housing Program Coordinator by email.
- The Housing Coordinator ensures the Youth meets requirements for age/funding and then the Youth Services Coordinator enters the referral into the Village Youth Support Worker's waitlist.

2. Initial Contact

- The Village Youth Support Worker will reach out to the youth initially to explain the program and answer any questions or fill in any gaps on the referral. (If the Youth at any time during this process is in crisis and needs to be met by a Youth Support worker, the VYSW will bring this to the Youth Services Coordinator to discuss next steps)
- The VYSW will continue to keep in contact with the Youth weekly via phone until a space for them would be coming open and they can be booked for their interview.

3. Panel Interview & Tour

- The applicant participates in a panel interview with the Housing Program Coordinator and the Youth Services Coordinator, with the Village Youth Support Worker (or any other Youth Worker the youth is connected with) in attendance for support. A tour would be offered at this time.
- Panel reviews applicant readiness, supports, and fit for the program.

4. Conditional Engagement

- After the panel interview, the youth receives a **conditional offer** letting them know if they are either:
 - Accepted-Youth is offered the next suite to come available.
 - Conditionally Accepted- Must meet outlined requirements before being accepted.
 - Deferred/Declined- May reapply after conditions change.
- ✓ Through this process the youth continues to have phone contact with the Village Youth Support Worker.

5. Unit Offer

- If a unit is available right away, they start the process of acceptance and entering the program. This includes a month-long process of meeting weekly and doing all of the program entrance paperwork.
- If no unit is available, the youth remains on the waitlist:
 - Weekly check-ins continue for up to 4–6 weeks, then shift to monthly or as-needed until a unit is available.
 - Youth will be provided with resources and referrals to other supports during this period.

Considerations for Acceptance

- ✓ Degree of homelessness:
 - **Absolute Homelessness** – couch-surfing, shelter use, or living on the streets.
 - **Unsafe Housing** – unsafe/unhealthy environments (abuse, drug/crime activity, or unsafe conditions).
 - **At Risk of Homelessness** – temporary accommodation without control over tenancy (e.g., foster care, eviction notice).

 - ✓ Willingness to engage honestly in application and interviews.
 - ✓ Demonstrated capacity to live independently and develop skills.
 - ✓ Connection to community supports (social workers, counselors, adult supports).
 - ✓ Commitment to engage in Youth Support services, including active goal-setting.
 - ✓ Participation in the mandatory 13-week life skills program (*Get Stuff Done*).
 - ✓ Understanding and willingness to follow program expectations at The Village.
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Waitlist

Applicants are placed on the waitlist according to:

1. Date a fully completed application is received.
 2. Degree of homelessness.
 3. Priority given to pregnant or parenting youth.
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Re-application

If an applicant is not successful, they will be informed of the reasons and given guidance on meeting expectations prior to re-application.

If a youth was previously required to leave the program, they must wait at least six months before re-applying.

THE VILLAGE – Program Application

1) Youth Information

Legal Name: _____ Other Name Used: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ MSP #: _____

Physical Description (height, weight, gender, ethnicity, marks/tattoos):

Height:		Gender:	
Weight:		Marks/Tattoos:	

2) Support or Social Worker (If applicable)

Name of Agency: _____

Referral Agency Worker submitting: _____

How long have they been working with this client? _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

3) Source of Income (Please check one)

Employment (**Must** attach copy of paystub no older than 30 days or application will be declined)

Underage Income Assistance (Must attach copy of recent pay stub to application)

Youth Agreement or Independent living agreement (Must receive confirmation by Social Worker signature or e-mail) Social Worker Signature: _____

4) Describe Current Living arrangements (Include address if there is one):



5) Medical Information (Physical / Mental Health)

Pregnant or Parenting: Yes No

Are there any physical, mental health, or allergy concerns the Village staff needs to be aware of?

Mental Health Diagnosis: Yes No

if yes, diagnosis and treatment_____

Stay in Mental Health Facility or Hospital for Mental Health Reasons: Yes No

Date(s) of stay: _____

Suicide Attempts, Ideation, or self-harm: Yes No if yes, please indicate when, what supports were received:_____

6) Other Workers the Youth is Involved with:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Agency: _____ Agency: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

7) Substance Use:

Hospitalized for Substance abuse/misuse: Yes No if yes, please indicate when, and what supports were received

Programs attended: Detox: Yes No Recovery: Yes No
Treatment: Yes No AA/NA Yes No



History Substance Use	Age of first use	Date of last use	Pattern of use: (How much, how often?)
Alcohol			
Marijuana			
Cocaine			
Heroin			
Crystal Meth			
LSD			
Mushrooms			
Ecstasy			
Inhalants			
PCP			
Prescription Drugs (Specify)			
Other			



Have you ever been physically aggressive with another person? Yes No

Please describe: _____

Have you ever damaged property when you are angry? Yes No

Please describe: _____

Are there any legal restrictions that we should know about for your safety and ours (ie. Weapons and other restrictions, No Contact Orders for or against etc.): Yes No

Please describe: _____

8) Identified Needs

Which life skills do you want/need to work on? (Please check off any that apply)

- Education Employment Cooking Cleaning Budgeting Mental Health Support
 Community Connections Other: _

Do you want to connect with any off the following supports?

Alcohol & Drug Resources: Yes No

Employment/training referrals: Yes No

Counselor: Yes No

Mental Health Worker: Yes No

Family Physician: Yes No

Other: _____



9) Education

Currently Attending School? Yes No

Most recent school attended _____

Last Grade Completed _____

10) Employment

Currently Employed? Yes No

If Yes, where and for how long? _____



DECLARATION: Please read and sign this statement

I declare:

- This is my application; and
- All the information in it is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I authorize:

- According to and under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Chilliwack Community Services any information relevant to the assessment of my application; and
- Chilliwack Community Services to receive and exchange with referring agencies, credit bureaus, and my previous landlords, credit and other related information about me to be used in the decision-making process regarding acceptance into the program.

I understand:

- That this application does not constitute any agreement on the part of Chilliwack Community Services to accept me into The Village Youth Housing Program; and
- That it is my responsibility to advise Chilliwack Community Services of any changes to the information given in the application and to provide any supporting materials required by my application

Signature of Applicant	Date

When completed, please send or email to:

Mohamad Mohamadi, The Village Housing Coordinator

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More information is available on our website at:

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