

Thriving for All: Lower Columbia Poverty Reduction Plan

Building a community in which everyone is thriving and feeling included

Housing

1. Ensure the availability of data required to support affordable housing initiatives.
2. Facilitate coordination amongst organizations operating subsidized housing for low income households.
3. Develop mechanisms for low income households to access information on affordable housing options.
4. Increase the number of subsidized rental housing options for low income households.
5. Advocate for support by government to develop and operate affordable housing.

Food Security

1. Promote the development of community gardens to support poverty reduction.
2. Promote opportunities for low income households to earn livelihoods through the production and sale of food and food related products.
3. Promote opportunities for low income households to prepare nutritious food.
4. Encourage planning and communication amongst food security players that contributes to the reduction of poverty.

Social, Health and Community Services

1. Promote increased access to social and health services.
2. Promote barrier free access to transportation for low income households.
3. Promote barrier free access by lower income households to recreation, arts and culture.

Learning and Development

1. Improve access to learning and academic upgrading for low income individuals.
2. Improve the availability of and access to childcare.
3. Improve access to early childhood services/resources by low income families.

Vibrant and Inclusive Economy

1. Promote the living wage as a means of providing workers access to a good quality of life.
2. Promote employment of lower skilled individuals by supporting the development of workplace Essential Skills.
3. Support the development and diversification of the local economy.