



CEDAR
OUTREACH SOCIETY

Prevention & Diversion Program

Who are we?



CEDAR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Purpose

Identify people at imminent risk of homelessness and divert them from entering the shelter system.

Core Services

Housing supports, short-term financial assistance, and problem-solving to maintain or secure stable housing.

Connections

Link clients to community resources to strengthen ongoing stability and reduce future housing risk.



FUNDING: REACHING HOME

CEDAR is funded through Reaching Home, Canada's national homelessness strategy.

This funding supports local initiatives that reduce homelessness through prevention, outreach, and shelter diversion.

The City of Abbotsford is part of the designated Community Entity and receives Reaching Home funding through an agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) for 2020–2028.





PROGRAM OVERVIEW: PREVENTION & DIVERSION

Prevention

Stabilizes housing situations early to reduce risk of entering the shelter system.

Diversion

Redirects people from shelters to alternative housing options by mobilizing community resources and support.



ACCESS & ELIGIBILITY

Access is available through partner referrals or direct contact with the CEDAR team.

Contact CEDAR via email or phone (prevention.diversion@cedaroutreach.com or Call 604-309-1293).

Eligibility

Individuals or families at risk of homelessness within the program's service area, confirmed through a standardized assessment process.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION



3 months of current bank statements.



Rental agreement signed by the landlord.



Government-issued identification (or other acceptable ID).



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS (APR 2025–MAR 2026)

Between April 2025 and March 2026, the program helped 207 family's avoid homelessness showing measurable gains in housing stability and community support through targeted interventions.

HOUSING STABILITY

Rapid problem-solving and coordinated follow-up reduced immediate housing loss and supported sustained stability.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Trusted relationships and local partnerships strengthened safety nets for individuals and families at risk.

TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Tailored support addressed urgent barriers (income, services, and navigation) before crises escalated.





SUCCESS STORY

A recent success story shows how the program helped a family facing eviction. By providing emergency financial support and quickly connecting them with housing resources, the family avoided homelessness. The intervention ensured stability during a critical transition and helped them move forward with renewed security and hope.

THANK YOU



Partner with CEDAR to expand reach



Thank you for your interest and support. Please continue collaboration and referrals to expand CEDAR's prevention and diversion efforts helping more individuals and families maintain stable housing.