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BC Budget 2026: Strengthening Public Systems While Addressing Continued Housing Pressures for Women and Families

(Vancouver, B.C.) – The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry) acknowledges the release of the Government of British Columbia’s 2026 Budget and the Province’s ongoing investment in health, education, and supports for children and youth.

These investments play an important role in strengthening community safety and long-term wellbeing across British Columbia.

EFry continues, however, to see significant demand for safe, affordable housing for women and families — particularly those navigating poverty, gender-based violence, and justice involvement. Stable housing remains a cornerstone of safety and recovery.

While EFry had anticipated continued advancement of initiatives such as the Community Housing Fund to support future development plans, the need for women-centred housing solutions remains pressing.

“Safe, stable housing is often the foundation from which women can begin again,” said Azra Hussain, Chief Executive Officer of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver. “When housing is paired with trauma-informed supports and case management, we see women rebuild stability, reunite with family, and move toward independence.”

The organization continues to experience growing demand for integrated services that combine housing with wraparound supports.

“Budgets reflect complex priorities,” added Hussain. “We remain committed to working collaboratively with government, municipalities, and community partners to ensure that housing and support systems are coordinated, sustainable, and responsive to the realities women and families are facing.”

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver remains focused on advancing practical, long-term solutions that centre dignity, safety, and opportunity for the women and families it serves.