Number of Units Administered by BC Housing in the Regional District of Nanaimo by Target Client Type – March 2013

Data from BC Housing’s registry of non-profit housing providers show that the number of non-profit housing units in the RDN increased slightly from a total of 1,529 beds in 2012 to 1,565 units in 2013. In addition to non-profit housing units, between 2012 and 2013, BC Housing data shows an increase from 1,054 to 1,124 in the number of households receiving a housing subsidy through the rental assistance programs in the private market. Included in these programs are the Shelter Aid for Elderly Residents (SAFER) for seniors and the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) for families.

As of March 2013, the City of Nanaimo accounted for approximately 81% of the BC Housing registered units followed by the City of Parksville with 14% and Town of Qualicum Beach with 5%. Those receiving housing subsidies through the rental assistance program are also more concentrated in urban areas (approximately 70% Nanaimo, 16% Parksville and 7% Town of Qualicum Beach).

The majority of BC Housing units in the RDN are designated for low income and frail seniors followed by low income families (see below). Together with rental assistance housing subsidies, seniors account for the largest proportion of housing supported by BC Housing in the RDN.

1 Source: BC Housing, Research and Corporate Planning Department - October 2013