

## Leadership Bottom-up and Sideways

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There is no single pathway to reducing poverty or increasing the quality of life.

In BC's Capital Region, the Quality of Life CHALLENGE helps potential partners – including representatives from multiple levels and orders of government – to see the interconnected nature of poverty-related issues in ways that include each partner's mandates and objectives.



When housing affordability, for example, is seen as interconnected with sustainable incomes, community safety, and health status, it allows officials from groups ranging from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to the Vancouver Island Health Authority to come together to seek solutions.

While organizing collaborative, comprehensive efforts is not a clear-cut process, government officials are exploring ways to overcome siloed approaches and minimize duplication of efforts.

And, as the CHALLENGE transitions into its second phase, it has chosen to pursue a role identified by government officials and others as adding particular value – the effort to bring the different components of poverty reduction together around the issue of sustainable incomes.



 [Learn more about how the CHALLENGE helps join up government and community initiatives](#)

### Related Links:

- [Check out \*A Bold New Way for People in BC's Capital Region to Work Together\*, the CHALLENGE's report of phase one: 2003-2006](#)
- [Learn more about Vibrant Communities in BC's Capital Region](#)

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