

Space Related Needs of Health and Social Service Agencies Serving Sooke/West Shore

In the Fall/2022 the [Village Initiative](#) completed a survey of service providers for whom space is a key barrier to more service provision across Sooke and West Shore. The following provides a summary of space related needs identified by 10 local service organizations (government, non-profits and one business that also serves more vulnerable populations). In short:

- Approximately over 20,000 sqft total is needed to better service children, youth and families across the West Shore and Sooke
- Those who replied to the survey indicated that with access to the required space over an additional 8400 people could be served
- There is a very high level of interest in sharing space with other service providers.

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BGC SVI Services incl: Before/after school care Child Care Clinical counselling Family support programs Mental health and substance use Social services Youth Justice	Needed immediately (next 3-6 mos) Up to 5000 sqft of space for: Group, multi-purpose space (up to 12 people) Bigger meeting room space (up to 20) Gymnasium Food prep and kitchen-based service offering (ie. Dinner groups)	Yes	24 mos (ideal is 5 years with option to renew)	7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days/week	Yes	Colwood, Sooke, Langford, View Royal Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Committed (i.e., leased for the longer term) Equipped kitchenette Easy permitting process to book space (i.e., fast approval, transparent process, simple application, reasonable price) Parking nearby Public transportation available nearby Shared/bookable (i.e., with other partners) Sound proofed/private; Wifi available Windows that open; need additional outdoor space

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Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) Settlement services for immigrant and refugee families	Classroom and office space	Possibly – need to know costs and space allocations	3-6 mos	Mornings, afternoons and/or evenings are all possibilities	Yes – though privacy is a factor	Colwood or Langford Easy central location on major bus routes with parking close by.
Island Health – Westshore/ Sooke Broad range of health, family and education services Public health / primary care / mental health	Needed immediately (next 3-6 mos) 2,500 sqft of space for: Offices / admin Small / large meeting spaces Online studio Food prep / service Health units growing / wellness centre Working on creating a service hub – may be partnership opportunity MHSU looking for 7,000 sqft	Unsure – will depend on cost of space. We will likely have budget for desired space within reason.	6 months although that would not be the preference which is to lease for at least 3-5 years. If signed for 6 months, the hope would be there would be an option to extend if possible.	Monday to Friday 0830-1630	Yes	Langford (Westhills area) and Sooke Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Committed (i.e., leased for the longer term) Equipped kitchenette Easy permitting process to book space Parking nearby Public transportation available nearby Shared/bookable (i.e., with other partners) Sound proofed/private Wifi available AC, secure space and storage
Island Metis Family & Community Services Society Broad range of family, indigenous and personal support services including clinical counselling	Needed in short term (next 6-12 mos) 2,000 sqft of space for: Offices Shared workspace/cubicles/hot desks Small / large meeting spaces Large group space (30-100 people)	Yes for leading	3 mos	8:30-4:30	Yes	Priority service location: Langford Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Committed (i.e., leased for the longer term) Equipped kitchenette Easy permitting process to book space Industrial kitchen

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Jones BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food for people in need 	Needed in short term (next 6-12 mos) 2,000 sqft of space for: Industrial kitchen / Food prep / service (dinner groups)	To come	To come	To come	Yes	Priority service location: Langford Committed (i.e., leased for the longer term) Equipped kitchenette Industrial kitchen Parking nearby Wifi available
Seaparc Leisure Complex Arts and culture, recreation, before and afterschool care, child care	1,500 sqft of space (long term) for: Shared workspace/cubicles/hot desks (up to 5 people) Group, multi-purpose space (up to 12 people) Bigger meeting room space (up to 20) dedicated licensed care space	Not currently	Not likely.	Currently daytime dedicated space for preschool and out of school care programs	Unsure	Priority area: Sooke Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Easy permitting process to book space (i.e., fast approval, transparent process, simple application, reasonable price) Parking nearby Public transportation available nearby Wifi available Windows that open
Thrive Social Services Broad range of individual and family services	Space needed in the immediate, short and longer-term 1,500 sqft of space for:	Yes, we have a current lease in the west shore we want to move, plus additional	3-6months would be ok.	Mostly week days 8:30 – 6pm. But we intend to move to evening and	Yes	No priority service area; open to all of Westshore, Sooke, Port Renfrew areas

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	Group, multi-purpose space (up to 12 people) Bigger meeting room space (up to 20) Large group space (30-100 people) Access to online "studio" for online service delivery Food prep and kitchen-based service offering	budget room for expanded space		weekend programs so flexibility around those times would be good.		Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Easy permitting process to book space Parking nearby Public transportation available nearby Shared/bookable (i.e., with other partners) Sound proofed/private
Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Employment Services Housing, Newcomer & settlement services	Needed immediately (next 3-6 mos) No estimate re: sqft Shared workspace/cubicles/hot desks (up to 5 people) Group, multi-purpose space (up to 12 people)	Have a very limited budget – we are looking for a discounted rate as a non-profit organization.	Yes	Our settlement team would like to have the 9-4 pm M-F and our ELT team may need the 4-7 pm M-T.	Yes	No priority service area and open to Colwood, Langford, View Royal Accessible (i.e., wheelchair access, number of entrances/exits to respect privacy) Parking nearby Public transportation available nearby
Washington Kids Foundation Youth focused life skills related programming (e.g., fitness, leadership skills, targeted programing), Before/after school care	Needed immediately (next 3-6 mos) 5,500 sqft of space for: Office size (i.e., 10 x 8 ft) Bigger meeting room space (up to 20) Large group space (30-100 people) Food prep and kitchen-based service offering	Yes. Does appear we are looking to partner with an organization/charity to share a space/building.	Not feasible considering the equipment that we typically have in our spaces, the activities that we do, and the amount of space we are looking for.	Mon-Fri all day.	Yes	No priority location and open to a site in Colwood, Langford, Sooke or View Royal. Committed (i.e., leased for the longer term) Equipped kitchenette Wifi available Windows that open