

Key milestones for New Westminster's Community Poverty Reduction Initiative (NWCPRC)

2012

- Community Poverty Reduction Initiative (NWCPRC) partnership launched between City of New Westminster (CNW), Ministry of Child and Family Development and Union of BC Municipalities.

2015

- NWCPRC completed consultation with community and stakeholders about creating a poverty reduction strategy.

2016

- NWCPRC, with funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, created the [Community Services Asset Map](#).
- NWCPRC joined Vibrant Communities network.
- NWCPRC created [Poverty Mythbusters](#).
- CNW endorsed New Westminster's [Community Poverty Reduction Strategy](#).

2017

- NWCPRC formed Financial Literacy and Empowerment (FLE) working group.
- FLE began campaign to increase Canada Learning Bond uptake.

2018

- FLE developed additional free tax filing clinics and promotion of tax filing clinics.
- CNW endorsed [Food Security Action Plan](#)
- CNW endorsed [#ALLONBOARD](#) affordable transit campaign.

2019

- NWCPRC formed Public Awareness and Education (PAE) working group.
- NWCPRC partnered with the Community Action Network (CAN) to train people with lived experience to participate in civic engagement.
- FLE created a [Financial Survival Kit](#)

2020

- CNW, on behalf of the NWCPRC, successfully applied for a Provincial Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Grant Program.
- COVID-19 pandemic: the NWCPRC and the CNW updated financial resources related to financial and taxfiling help.
- COVID-19 pandemic: CNW created task forces to assist vulnerable residents during the pandemic.
- CAN network: successful training of CAN network lived experience members was completed.