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What does this mean?



- An intersectional feminist approach recognizes that women and gender diverse people all have different needs based on their intersecting identities. The provision of diverse, specialized and culturally appropriate community supports ensures that housing is accessible, supportive, and able to effectively meet the needs of its residents.

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- Below are some examples of specialized supports that would meet women and gender diverse people's needs:
 - **Additional housing supports for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTIAQ+ people:** Due to colonial legacies, ongoing racism and discrimination, Indigenous cultural supports including supportive housing, land based healing, and other culturally appropriate supports are necessary.
 - **Culturally appropriate services:** Proximity to places of worship, culturally specific grocery stores, community hubs and other supportive cultural and community centres.
 - **Accessible community supports:** Access to violence against women services, trauma support, mental health and addictions counseling, and other culturally specific community programming should be available on-site or nearby.
 - **2SLGBTIAQ+ centred senior housing:** Older women and gender-diverse adults in the LGBTQ2S+ community frequently describe facing barriers to securing housing that is appropriate for their needs. They require safe, affordable housing in the geographic communities where they feel welcome, supported, comfortable and do not fear for their safety because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
 - **Supportive housing for women and gender diverse people who use substances:** Given the opioid crisis and overdoses across our country there is a need for support for people who use substances to relocate to other housing options to escape unsafe situations.

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