

Publicly funded addiction treatment spaces

The commitment

In 2019, Alberta's government committed \$140 million over four years to increase access to addiction and mental health services and supports.

This commitment included getting people on the pathway to wellness and recovery by adding 4,000 addiction treatment spaces to the publicly funded continuum of care, achieved through funding new beds, funding existing unfunded beds and outpatient services, and upgrading existing detox spaces to medically supported detox spaces.

Then and now

Prior to this commitment there were approximately 19,000 publicly funded addiction treatment spaces in Alberta.

The provincial government is now funding almost 27,600 addiction treatment spaces annually. This is a **45 per cent increase** in funded capacity.

PUBLICLY FUNDED ADDICTION TREATMENT SPACES

Type of space	Newly funded spaces	Total current spaces	Planned Construction (2022)	Total Future Spaces (2022)
Detox	Approx. 6,660	Approx. 21,655	Approx. 1,200	Approx. 22,855
Residential treatment and recovery	Approx. 1,900	Approx. 5,925	Approx. 1,600	Approx. 7,525



8,000 +
spaces
added.

Detox: A safe, supervised way to withdraw from substances. The overwhelming majority of newly funded detox spaces are medical detox, which involves using medication to mitigate negative withdrawal symptoms.

Residential treatment: Intensive, short-term inpatient treatment provided by credentialed professionals followed by ongoing community-based support.

Residential recovery: Less intensive, longer-term inpatient programming, where support is provided by both clinical and non-clinical staff. Community members are encouraged to support each other. This is a new support introduced in Alberta.

Treatment is free for all Albertans

In 2020, the provincial government eliminated daily user fees at publicly funded residential addiction treatment facilities for Albertans. Historically, there was a \$40 daily user fee, which was a financial barrier to treatment.

Newly funded addiction treatment spaces

Since 2019, Alberta's government has funded more than 8,000 additional addiction treatment spaces, doubling the original commitment. That means an additional 8,000 Albertans will be able to access services. This includes adding new spaces, funding spaces that were previously unfunded and upgrading existing detox spaces to medically supported detox.

The majority of newly funded treatment spaces are already operational. It is anticipated that all publicly funded spaces will be operational by the new year.

Calgary Area	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Alpha House	2,184	DX
Simon House Recovery Centre	229	RT
Calgary Dream Centre	223	RT
Recovery Acres Society	199	RT
Fresh Start Recovery Centre	98	RT
Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women	78	RR
Sunrise Healing Lodge Society	52	RT
Aventa Recovery Centre of Excellence for Women with Addictions	43	RT

Edmonton Area	Newly funded (up to)	Type
George Spady Society	1,820	DX
Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres	560	RT/ RR/ DX
Jellinek Society	68	RR
Our House Addiction Recovery Society	31	RR
Salvation Army Edmonton	22	RR
Recover Acres Society Edmonton	20	RT
McDougall House Association	6	RT

Southern Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Kainai Nation's Bringing the Spirit Home Safe Withdrawal Management Site	1,251	DX
Foothills Centre	832	DX
McMan Youth, Family and Community Association – South Region	65	RR
Alpha House Society	48	RR
Southern Alcare Manor	44	RR

Central Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Thorpe Recovery Centre	574	DX/ RT
Drumheller Society for Recovery's Grace House	14	RR

Northern Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Bonnyville Indian-Metis Rehab Centre	104	RT

DX – Detox
RT – Residential Treatment
RR – Residential Recovery

The Addiction Helpline, a 24-7 confidential toll-free service, at 1-866-332-2322, can provide support, information and referral to services.

Albertans can also visit recoveryaccessalberta.ca to find treatment options.