

Subject: 2019-2020 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant Allocation

APPROVALS:

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Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

THAT \$3,986,013 be allocated to the 2019-2020 Community Plan on Homelessness programs as follows:

| Organization | Program | 2019-2020 Recommended | |
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| | | Total | Source |
| 1 Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray | Housing First | \$ 806,354 | Prov |
| 2 Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray | Permanent Supportive Housing | 844,459 | Prov |
| 3 The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada | Housing First | 717,578 | Prov |
| 4 Wood Buffalo Wellness Society | Rapid Rehousing Program | 474,446 | Both |
| 5 YMCA of Northern Alberta | Housing First | 636,900 | Prov |
| 6 Wood Buffalo Wellness Society | Centralized Intake Services | 295,796 | Fed |

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| 7 | Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray | Eviction Prevention Coordinator | 125,601 | Prov |
| 8 | Wood Buffalo Wellness Society | Outreach Program | 84,879 | Fed |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 3,986,013 | |

Summary:

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo receives funding from the federal government (Service Canada) and provincial government (Ministry of Community and Social Services) to support homelessness initiatives. The funds are administered through the Community Investment Program and distributed to non-profit organizations whose goals and objectives align with the Municipality’s Council-approved 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness 2010-2020, *Heading Home: The Right Thing to Do* (which can be found at http://www.rmwb.ca/living_2227/Social-Support-Services/Asset1316.aspx). Funding available for allocation to the community partners for April 2019 - March 2020 is \$3,986,013: \$597,361 from the federal government, \$2,620,163 from the provincial government, and \$768,489 in provincial carryover funds from 2018-2019.

Background:

For the Housing First, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing initiatives, a Request for Information was issued on November 13, 2018, and closed November 28, 2018. For Preventive, Outreach, Coordinated Access and Diversion initiatives, a Call for Applications opened on November 13, 2018, and closed on December 7, 2018. The Call for Applications was posted on the Municipal website, shared on social media, and circulated via email to past grant applicants.

The submissions were reviewed by Administration for completeness and presented to the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC) to review and make recommendations. HISC has representatives from the United Way, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, Industry, Urban/Rural Metis/First Nation Community, Landlords, and Alberta Health Services. It also includes non-voting members from the federal and provincial governments. Its mandate is to act as a steward of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and to make CPH funding recommendations to Council. HISC’s role is a federal funding requirement.

Eight non-profit organizations applied for a total of 15 different programs, with requests totaling \$5,936,219. Two applicants/programs were deemed ineligible in accordance with the funding restrictions outlined in the federal and provincial partnership agreements. For the 13 remaining eligible programs, only eight programs were able to be funded, due to a shortfall in the federal and provincial funding for the upcoming fiscal

year.

Overarching priorities are determined by the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and HISC ranked the priorities to align with their assessment of the current community need. The HISC ranked the program areas as follows:

1. Housing First / Rapid Re-Housing / Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Coordinated Access
3. Prevention / Outreach
4. Diversion
5. Other Support Programs

The weight of the rank, in combination with the application score determined the priority of the funding; with the current funding available of \$3,986,013, the programs within Ranks 1-3 were able to be recommended for funding, while programs within Ranks 4-5 remain unfunded.

The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada (Housing First) is recommended for approximately \$94,000 more than originally requested. The budget submitted with their RFI documentation reflected Rent Supplements in line with their 2018-2019 approved budget. However, the organization will operate at full capacity in 2019-2020, therefore the recommended grant amount is in alignment with the projected Rent Supplements required to serve that number of clients, an additional \$86,000. The remainder of the recommended addition is also to serve the full complement of clients within their capacity.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The CPH grants are funded by the federal and provincial governments, no municipal funding is allocated. Funding available for allocation to the community partners for April 2019 - March 2020 is \$3,986,013: \$597,361 from the federal government, \$2,620,163 from the provincial government, and \$768,489 in provincial carryover funds from 2018-2019.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The CPH grants are allocated to non-profit organizations that provide Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, Centralized Intake, Permanent Supportive Housing, Eviction Prevention, and Outreach and Housing supports for people who are homeless or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

The Community Plan on Homelessness grant aligns with the following Strategies and Initiative:

- 1f - Foster equality, diversity and inclusion in the region
- 1i - Partnerships with social profits

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. CPH Presentation 2019.02.12 v3
2. 2019 CIP Community Plan on Homelessness Summary
3. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray - Housing First
4. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray - Permanent Supportive Housing
5. Salvation Army - Housing First
6. Wood Buffalo Wellness Society - Rapid Re-housing Program
7. YMCA of Northern Alberta - Housing First
8. Wood Buffalo Wellness Society - Centralized Intake Services
9. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray - Eviction Prevention
10. Wood Buffalo Wellness Society - Outreach Program
11. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray - Graduate Community Support
12. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray - Weekend, Statutory Holiday Operations
13. Salvation Army - Diversion Program
14. Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association - Basic Shelf & Financial Literacy Programs
15. CHOICES Association of Fort McMurray - ID Program

16. Fort McKay Metis Community Association - Fort McKay Community Plan on Homelessness

17. Support Through Housing Team - Wrap Around Services, Case Management & Outreach Services