

Subject: 2018-2019 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant Amendment

APPROVALS:

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Director

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Recommended Motion:

THAT an additional \$55,000 be allocated to the 2018-2019 Community Plan on Homelessness programs as follows:

Organization (Program)		Recommended
1	Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Eviction Prevention Program)	\$ 15,000
2	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada (Housing First)	40,000
TOTAL		\$ 55,000

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* (The full plan can be found at http://www.rmwb.ca/living_2227/Social-Support-Services/Asset1316.aspx).

Background:

The year-to-date actuals and projections to year end for all 2018-2019 grants were reviewed at the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC) meeting on January 8, 2019. It was determined that these two organizations/programs would experience significant shortfalls, jeopardizing client service (potentially causing individuals and families to enter into homelessness) without an adjustment to the current allocations.

To ensure that client needs are met by these organizations/programs for the remainder of the fiscal year (to March 31, 2019), the HISC recommends that amendments to the current grant allocations and agreements be made as follows:

Organization (Program)	2018-2019 Approved Grant	Recommended Amendment	Total Amended 2018-2019 Grant
Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Eviction Prevention)	\$159,512	\$15,000	\$174,512
The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada (Housing First)	\$619,639	\$40,000	\$659,639

Budget/Financial Implications:

The CPH grants are funded by the federal and provincial governments, no municipal funding is allocated; the source of the funding for this recommended amendment will be the provincial carryforward from 2017-2018, thereby reducing the total amount available to carry into the 2019-2020 fiscal period by \$55,000.

Rationale for Recommendation:

These amendments to the 2018-2019 CPH grants will allow these Housing First and Eviction Prevention programs to continue to March 31, 2019, supporting individuals and families 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