

Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

L. Helps (Chair), G. Orr (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, S. Brice, F. Haynes, G. Holman, J. Loveday,
K. Murdoch, D. Screech, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-236](#) Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of March 3, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes - March 3, 2021](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, this meeting will be held by Live Webcast without the public present.

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6. Committee Business

6.1. [21-240](#) 2780 Spencer Road Mortgage Registration and Final Budget Approval

Recommendation: The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region Housing Corporation Board:

- 1) That the Major Capital Plan (2021-2025) be amended, and the final project budget for 2780 Spencer Road be approved at a value of \$19,883,209;
- 2) That the resolutions, attached as Appendix A and Appendix B and required by BC Housing Management Commission to authorize the execution of the Section 219 Covenant and the Loan and Mortgage documents for 2780 Spencer Road (PID 031-284-914) be approved; and,
- 3) That duly authorized staff or executive officer(s) be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the project and take such steps as are required to conclude the purchase and construction, as set out in the letter of intent.

Attachments: [Staff Report: 2780 Spencer Rd Mtge Reg'n & Final Budget Approval](#)
 [Appendix A: 2780 Spencer Rd Resolution of Directors-Repayable](#)
 [Appendix B: 2780 Spencer Rd Resolution of Directors-Forgivable](#)

**6.2. [21-244](#) Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation
COVID-19 Funding**

Recommendation: The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Funding report be received for information.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Reaching Home & CMAF COVID-19 Funding](#)
 [Appendix A: 2020-21 Reaching Home & CMAF COVID-19 Contracts Summary](#)

7. Notice(s) of Motion**8. New Business****9. Adjournment**

The next meeting is May 5, 2021.

To ensure quorum, please advise Tamara Pillipow (tpillipow@crd.bc.ca) if you or your alternate cannot attend.

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

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1:30 PM

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PRESENT

Directors: L. Helps (Chair), G. Orr (Vice Chair) (EP), D. Blackwell, S. Brice, F. Haynes, G. Holman (EP), J. Loveday (EP), K. Murdoch (EP), D. Screech

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; S. Grigg, Manager of Operations, Regional Housing; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Plant(Board Chair, ex officio)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Helps provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted that **Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness** is to be added under **New Business**.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Haynes,
That the agenda for the March 3, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting
be approved as amended.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [21-184](#) Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of February 3, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps thanked the Tenant Advisory Committee for their past work.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [21-172](#) Tenant Advisory Committee 2020 Year End Reporting

D. Elliott spoke to Item 6.1.

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the Tenant Advisory Committee 2020 Year End Report be received for
information.
CARRIED**

6.2. [21-171](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update No. 1, 2021

D. Elliott spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- determining the origin of the sound issues at the Millstream building
- current vacancies
- exploring sound attenuation options in the building

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Screech,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region
Housing Corporation Board:
That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update No. 1, 2021
report be received for information.
CARRIED**

6.3. [21-170](#) Housing Needs Report Regional Project

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- using information from the Urban Matters Reports to better inform our
Regional Housing Affordability Strategy
- date of next update to the Regional Housing Affordability Strategy

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Holman,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That the Housing Needs Report Regional Project be received for information.
CARRIED**

6.4. [21-169](#) 3656 Raymond Street South Housing Agreement and Bylaw

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.4.

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

a) That Bylaw No.4402, “Resale Control and Housing Agreement Bylaw (3656 Raymond Street South), 2021” be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and

b) That Bylaw No. 4402 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.5. [21-142](#) Capital Regional Hospital District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- thanks to finance staff for their great work
- clarification on why the Capital Regional Hospital District does not use Municipal Finance Authority bond funds

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Haynes,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:**

That the Capital Regional Hospital District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6.6. [21-143](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Investment Portfolio Holdings and Performance Annual Update

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.6.

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:**

That the Capital Regional Hospital District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6.7. [21-195](#) Capital Regional District and Capital Region Housing Corporation Investment Policy Updates

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.7.

Discussion ensued on the meaning of making internal projects an authorized and suitable investment.

**MOVED by Director Haynes, SECONDED by Director Brice,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region Housing Corporation Board:**

That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Investment Policy be rescinded and superseded by the Capital Regional District Investment Policy.

CARRIED

6.8. [21-167](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Brice,

That the following minutes be received for information:

a) Regional Housing Advisory Committee minutes - December, 10, 2020

b) Tenant Advisory Committee minutes - December 14, 2020

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

That the following motion be approved for same day consideration.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,

That the Hospitals and Housing Committee recommend that the Board Chair write a letter of support for the Aboriginal Coalition To End Homelessness for the funding that they're seeking from the federal and provincial governments.

CARRIED

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [21-197](#)

Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

That the meeting be closed for Appointments in accordance with Section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The Hospitals and Housing Committee moved to closed session at 2:14 pm.

10. Rise and Report

The Hospitals and Housing Committee rose from closed session at 2:15 pm and reported on the following item:

3.1. That the following persons be appointed to the Regional Housing Advisory Committee for a term to start January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2021:

Andrea Hudson, Bill Brown, Brian Green, Lindsay Chase, Nadine Kawata, Kathy Whitcher, David Corey, Kerriann Coady, Kirsten Baillie, Danielle Deni.

3.1. That the following persons be appointed to the Regional Housing Advisory Committee for a term to start January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2022:

Don McTavish, Alita Tocher, Danella Parks, Luke Mari.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

That the March 3, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:15 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder

**REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07, 2021**

SUBJECT **2780 Spencer Road Mortgage Registration and Final Budget Approval**

ISSUE SUMMARY

BC Housing Management Commission (BCHMC) requires a resolution from the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) Board of Directors to authorize the execution of the 2780 Spencer Road mortgage documents. The CRHC Procurement Policy requires that all procurement transactions must be within the scope of the Board-approved Five-Year Major Capital Plan (2021-2025). Staff therefore seek authorization to continue pursuing this project with an increase of \$406,254 to the budget.

BACKGROUND

In June 2020, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board and CRHC Board authorized staff to enter into a letter of intent with Triway Seniors Housing (TSH) to complete the transfer of land to the CRD and for the CRHC to enter into a contract with TSH to act as general contractor for the construction of the 58 unit affordable housing project located at 2780 Spencer Road.

The CRD would assume ownership of the development parcel, in consideration of a nominal fee, and issue a tax receipt for the fair market value determined by third party appraisal, as required by the Canada Revenue Agency. The CRD would then enter into a 60-year lease with CRHC prior to the start of construction.

In December 2020, the CRHC Board approved the Major Capital Plan (2021-2025) which included a project budget of \$19,476,955. In early 2021, a joint review of the 50% design package has resulted in a budget revision.

Mortgage registration requires that a Section 219 Covenant granted in favour of BCHMC be registered on title. A Section 219 Covenant is a means of preserving a property's special attribute; in this case, the use of the building for affordable housing. The conditions of the Section 219 Covenant are set out in the Community Housing Fund (CHF) Operating Agreement, which states that the CRHC will provide affordable housing to households with low-to-moderate incomes.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

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- 2) That the resolutions, attached as Appendix A and Appendix B and required by BC Housing Management Commission to authorize the execution of the Section 219 Covenant and the Loan and Mortgage documents for 2780 Spencer Road (PID 031-284-914) be approved; and,
- 3) That duly authorized staff or executive officer(s) be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the project and take such steps as are required to conclude the purchase and construction, as set out in the letter of intent.

Alternative 2

That the 2780 Spencer Road Mortgage Registration and Final Budget Approval report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

In September 2020, 2780 Spencer Road was selected to receive grant funding through the CHF and in February 2021, BCHMC approved the final project budget of \$19,883,209. This represents an increase of 2.1% or \$406,254 to the projected cost contained in the Major Capital Plan (2021-2025). The final project budget includes a repayable \$13,983,209 first mortgage, and a \$5,900,000 forgivable mortgage. Both mortgages will have 35 year amortization periods and are accompanied by terms set out in the Loan Commitment Letter and Operating Agreement.

At closing, the repayable mortgage will be charged initially as short-term financing and will convert to take-out financing at project completion. Interest rate assumptions through BC Housing financing include 0.8% for interim financing in 2021, increasing to 1% in 2022. Current projections for take-out financing include 2.4% in 2022. At the time of take-out financing, the mortgage documents will be modified to reflect the final amount, term and interest rate. The actual rate for take-out financing may end up lower than the estimate given current market rates and recent issues (i.e., Spencer Close at 1.519%).

The Major Capital Plan (2021-2015) included \$11,983,338 in approved expenditures in 2021 and \$7,493,617 in 2022. As the project has been slightly delayed, staff anticipate the expenditures for 2021 will be lower than initial estimates, with more of the cost being allocated to close out the project in 2022. If the recommendations contained within this report are approved, staff will update the Major Capital Plan (2021-2025) as part of the quarterly plan amendment process. This will allow for a higher degree of accuracy on the actual costs for 2021 and the projected costs for 2022.

Table 1: Capital Budget

Budget Description	Amount
Soft Costs	\$ 370,000
Construction Contract	\$ 19,094,220
Financing Costs	\$ 218,989
Contingency	\$ 200,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 19,883,209
CHF Equity Contribution	\$ 5,900,000
Mortgage Principal	\$ 13,983,209

Operating Proforma

The CHF program will facilitate a mixed income, affordable rental housing project at 2780 Spencer Road. BCHMC, through the CHF program, is committed to providing an ongoing operating subsidy to ensure the property maintains a debt coverage ratio of 1:1 through the duration of the mortgage. In the first year of operation the subsidy is estimated to total \$267,640, or \$384.54 per unit, per month.

The value of the ongoing subsidy is based on an annual operating budget approved by BC Housing and will be provided directly to the Provider as set out in the terms of the Operating Agreement. Table 2 outlines the residential unit mix and the proposed rents.

Table 2: Unit Composition and Proposed Rents

Unit Type	Est. Rent	# of Units
20% of Units: RGI Deep Subsidy Units		
Studio	\$ 375	1
1 Bedroom Accessible	\$ 375	5
1 Bedroom	\$ 375	5
50% of Units: Rent Geared to Income		
1 Bedroom Accessible	\$ 744	5
1 Bedroom	\$ 744	22
2 Bedroom	\$ 980	3
30% of Units: Affordable		
1 Bedroom	\$1,495	10
1 Bedroom + Den	\$1,550	5
2 Bedroom	\$1,900	2
Total		58

Alignment with Existing Plans & Strategies

This report is in alignment with the CRHC Major Capital Plan (2021-2025).

CONCLUSION

The proposed budget of \$19,833,209 for the project has been approved by BCHMC. CRHC must secure construction and take-out financing to complete the development of 2780 Spencer Road. A joint review of the 50% design package took place in early 2021 and resulted in a projected increase of \$406,254 to the total project cost, which increases initial budget of \$19,476,955 as detailed in the approved Major Capital Plan (2021-2025) to \$19,883,209. Staff therefore are requesting authorization to continue pursuing this project at the increased budget total. If approved, staff will revise the Major Capital Plan (2021-2025) as part of the quarterly plan amendment process to more accurately reflect the actual expenditures in 2021 and the anticipated costs in 2022 to close out the development of this 58 unit affordable housing project located at 2780 Spencer Road.

RECOMMENDATION

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Submitted by:	Don Elliott, MUP, Senior Manager, Regional Housing
Concurrence:	Kevin Lorette, P. Eng., MBA, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services
Concurrence:	Nelson Chan, MBA, FCPA, FCMA, Chief Financial Officer
Concurrence:	Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: 2780 Spencer Road Resolution of Directors - Repayable
 Appendix B: 2780 Spencer Road Resolution of Directors - Forgivable

CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION
(the "Borrower")

CERTIFIED COPY OF

RESOLUTION OF DIRECTORS

"WHEREAS the Borrower has leased or will be leasing the property at 2780 SPENCER ROAD, VICTORIA, BC legally described as:

PID: 031-284-914, LOT 4 SECTION 99 ESQUIMALT DISTRICT PLAN EPP103878

(the "Property") and will be operating a housing project on the Property (the "Project") under the British Columbia Housing Management Commission ("BCHMC") Building BC: Community Housing Fund; and

WHEREAS the Borrower needs to borrow money in order to facilitate the construction of the Project;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Borrower borrow up to a maximum amount of \$13,983,209 by way of a repayable loan secured by a mortgage, including authorization for the long term financing from a Take-Out Lender, to facilitate the construction of the Project and grant to BCHMC a covenant restricting the use of the Property in accordance with the Loan Commitment Letter;
2. The Borrower execute and deliver all documents required by BCHMC or the lender of the monies, including any takeout lender, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to or required by them, including without limitation a Section 219 covenant, an HPA Covenant, a mortgage and affordable housing agreement (if applicable) and operator/operating agreement; and
3. Robert Kenneth Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer and Nelson Chan, Chief Financial Officer or their authorized delegates, for and on behalf of the Borrower, be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver under the seal of the Borrower or otherwise, all such deeds, documents and other writings and to do such acts and things in connection with the Property and the Project as they, in their discretion, may consider to be necessary or desirable for giving effect to this resolution and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of BCHMC or the lender of the monies."

I, _____, THE UNDERSIGNED, _____ of **CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION** hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Directors of the Borrower at a meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 20____ (and sanctioned by a special resolution of the Borrower if such sanction is required), and that such resolution has not been rescinded, amended or modified and is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Witness

(Secretary or President)

(Secretary or President)



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REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07, 2021

SUBJECT **Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Funding**

ISSUE SUMMARY

An information report is being provided to further update the Hospitals and Housing Committee and the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board on the allocations of COVID-19 emergency response funding from both the Government of Canada through Reaching Home – Canada's Homelessness Strategy and the Canadian Medical Association Foundation (CMAF), to support the region's pandemic response capacity for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

BACKGROUND

The CRD is designated by the Government of Canada as the Community Entity (CE) to administer this funding, and provides financial contributions through sub-project agreements to non-profit organizations based on a community plan, which is approved by a Community Advisory Board (CAB). Through an agreement with the Government of Canada, the CRD is currently administering \$870,753 in the Designated Communities funding stream and \$337,256 in the Indigenous Homelessness funding stream in 2020-2021.

In March 2020, the Government of Canada allocated \$1,312,852 through Canada's Economic Response Plan funding to the CRD and subsequently entered into an agreement to have the CRD, as CE, administer the funding through the Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Response Program.

In October 2020, the Government of Canada allocated an additional \$1,918,197 to the CRD to sustain and add to efforts to respond to the pandemic's impact on vulnerable populations in the region. The agreement with the CRD was subsequently amended to bring the total amount administered under the COVID-19 funding to \$3,231,049. In consideration of the Reaching Home Program COVID-19 Funding Strategy approved by the CAB and to minimize the amount of funding needed to cost-recover the administration of the program, the following funds have been made available to community initiatives:

- \$2,125,491 allocated under the Reaching Home Designated Communities funding stream.
- \$912,520 allocated under the Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness funding stream.

In addition to this funding, the CRD was also awarded \$61,500 of funding through the CMAF to be administered according to the Reaching Home policies and directives.

This funding can be used for a range of needs that have emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as purchasing beds and physical barriers for social distancing, providing services to people forced to shelter outdoors and securing accommodation to reduce overcrowding in shelters. Communities have flexibility to use the new funding to meet local needs and priorities. This funding is focused on three priorities:

1. Extend COVID-19 measures for those experiencing homelessness;
2. Find permanent housing for those temporarily housed; and
3. Help communities to reduce the inflow into homelessness, including homelessness prevention and shelter diversion activities.

On April 28, 2020, the CAB approved the Reaching Home Program COVID-19 Funding Strategy which addressed three key priority areas for action:

1. Short-term sheltering and support programs for people currently without shelter and at risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus;
2. Keeping individuals stably housed and/or sheltered during the emergency response period; and,
3. Ensuring individuals and households in Reaching Home funded programs have short-term access to goods and/or services to meet basic needs to which access may have been disrupted due to the emergency response to protect against COVID-19 contagion.

In order to allocate the funding in a timely manner, the Strategy supports a contracting approach to distributing the funding and CRD staff have been working with local coordinating bodies including the CRD's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the CAB as well as community and other government partners to identify programs and/or projects requiring funding to address these priorities. This approach does not require time consuming call for proposals processes while, at the same time, providing an appropriate level of external review of proposed funding initiatives. The CRD has informed the CAB that this approach be sustained to support use of the new funding.

CRD staff have been engaged with Reaching Home funded programs as well as organizations and groups throughout the region as well as local First Nations to identify needs and has subsequently received and has allocated almost all of the funding to a number of community based initiatives (see Appendix A - COVID-19 Contracts Summary). Staff continue to work with local communities to determine needs and is confident that all of the funding will be allocated and utilized by the end date of the current agreement, June 30, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Funding report be received for information.

Alternative 2

That the Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Funding report be referred back to staff for additional information based on Hospitals and Housing Committee direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Intergovernmental Implications

Staff work closely with BC Housing, Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Island Health to coordinate the use of the Reaching Home COVID-19 funds in accordance with the COVID-19: Joint Provincial Program Framework for Emergency Response Centres.¹

The CRD has reached out to the nine First Nations within the CRD boundaries and CRD staff entered into contracts with three communities to support initiatives that are not covered by other Government of Canada funding available to First Nations during the emergency.

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-guidance-joint-povincial-program-framework-for-ercs.pdf>

Social Implications

Engagement within various coordinating bodies has helped identify opportunities to address the social needs of people in four key areas within the region.

Financial Implications

The CRD, in its role as CE for the Reaching Home Program, is utilizing \$193,000 of the funding to cover administrative costs related to the delivery of the COVID funding. The Government of Canada has announced that additional funding has been allocated to continue to provide a COVID response to vulnerable populations and will be made available to CEs through Canada's Economic Response Plan in the coming fiscal year, once the federal budget has been approved.

Alignment with Board & Corporate Priorities

This work aligns with Board priorities related to community wellbeing and corporate priorities related to housing and homelessness.

Alignment with Existing Plans & Strategies

This work aligns with the goals and objectives of the Regional Housing Affordability Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The CRD has received \$3,231,049 in funding from Reaching Home – the Government of Canada's Homelessness Strategy and was awarded \$61,500 of funding through the CMAF to support the region's COVID-19 response capacity for those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. CRD staff have worked with the CRD EOC, CAB and community and government partners to implement a strategy for distribution of this funding where people have been identified as experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This funding will help extend these efforts into next year and will facilitate the funding of new responses needed as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

RECOMMENDATION

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Funding report be received for information.

Submitted by:	Don Elliott, MUP, Senior Manager, Regional Housing
Concurrence:	Kevin Lorette, P. Eng., MBA, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services
Concurrence:	Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: 2020-21 Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Contracts Summary

2020-21 Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Contracts						
Organization	Description	Start Date	End Date	Designated Funding (\$)	Indigenous Funding (\$)	Total Contract Funding (\$)
ESDC RH COVID Funding Available:				\$2,125,491	\$912,520	\$3,038,010
Canadian Medical Association Foundation				\$43,050	\$18,450	\$61,500
TOTAL Funding Available:				\$2,168,541	\$930,970	\$3,099,510
Threshold	Provide at-risk youth experiencing homelessness, aging out of care, or fleeing violence in the home with emergency funds for groceries, hygiene & cleaning products, PPE, time-limited rent arrears/utilities payment, and transportation. Weekend/remote counselling for youth, and supported accommodation for self-isolation.	April 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$50,012	\$21,434	\$71,446
Peers	Designated: Serving current/former sex workers, provide unsheltered individuals or residents of motels with outreach support, eviction prevention and basic supplies in order to reduce time/contact in community. Indigenous: Provide unsheltered Indigenous women and two spirit individuals involved in sex work with support in transitioning into motels and temporary housing. Support cultural initiatives led by the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness. Both streams: Cultural mentorship/supervision, basic needs, apartment set up for moves to supportive housing, and Stationary Community Care/Resource Pop-up Tent.	June 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$62,704	\$26,873	\$89,577
Dandelion Society	Reimbursement of costs of services to people sheltering in Topaz Park in the early days of COVID response.	April 1, 2020	April 30, 2020	\$23,223	\$0	\$23,223
SRCHN	Contribute to daytime staffing at SeaParc Leisure Complex to temporarily shelter up to 45 individuals.	April 1, 2020	June 30, 2020	\$51,900	\$0	\$51,900
Jones BBQ	Funding for 3,410 meals for the Boxes of Hope food distribution program to homeless persons sheltering at Topaz Park during the Covid-19 pandemic, along with 3 days of meals for unsheltered persons.	May 10, 2020	May 24, 2020	\$34,086	\$0	\$34,086
AVI Victoria	Working with staff and volunteers through Poverty Kills 2020 and the Indigenous Harm Reduction Team, address immediate survival needs of people sheltering outside in Victoria, including provision of food, drinking water and sheltering supplies; contracted laundry services; health, hygiene, and sanitation supplies; mobile alcohol assistance delivery (community based Managed Alcohol Program); harm reduction, camper needs consultation, and culturally informed support for Indigenous individuals.	July 1, 2020	March 31, 2021	\$325,466	\$139,486	\$464,952
AVI Sooke	Westshore AVI Health Centre will provide nursing care, liaison for optimum medical care, social work services, expertise and consultations to shelter staff, harm reduction resources, and facilitate opportunities for personal growth/wellness activities for people sheltering outside and those in shelters.	April 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$93,847	\$40,220	\$134,067
Sooke Shelter Society	Provide supplement rental supports up to \$275/month for people exiting the SeaParc shelter for a period of 3-6 months for 5-10 individuals. Drug and Alcohol Counsellor for homeless and temporary sheltered individuals in Sooke region, as well as storage, grocery cards, bus tickets, and basic need supplies.	June 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$14,426	\$6,182	\$20,608
Connections Place	Purchase laptops and cellphones to increase communication potential and connectivity with clients/members and the community. Provide PPE for in-building service delivery, and enhance outreach-related activity to help clients maintain health and wellness.	April 1, 2020	November 20, 2020	\$3,147	\$0	\$3,147
Burley Cleaning	Cleaning washrooms at Topaz Park for April-May 2020, supporting people sheltering in Topaz Park.	April 1, 2020	May 21, 2020	\$37,263	\$0	\$37,263
Woosah Cleaning	Cleaning showers at Topaz Park for May 1-10, 2020, supporting people sheltering in Topaz Park.	May 1, 2020	May 20, 2020	\$22,526	\$0	\$22,526
Red Cedar	Making and delivering 250 hot meals (\$7/ea) per day (breakfast & dinners) plus snacks to people sheltering outdoors in parks and designated tenting areas. Delivery includes wellness checks of tenters and provision of some basic needs supplies if required.	October 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$282,097	\$120,899	\$402,996

Appendix A

VNFC	Provide food baskets to 47 households in Siem Lelum and Fernwood House (supportive housing), taxi transport from grocery stores, cultural supplies for activies for families , rent supplement, prepaid cell cards, shaw wifi hotspot, security system and camera installations, security landscaping and temporary security guard service while security upgrades are being implemented.	April 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$0	\$112,695	\$112,695
ACEH	Provide Indigenous Outreach services, a Managed Alcohol Program for 10 people at a shelter, and support indigenous peoples living rough or precariously housed to transition into housing, while also providing basic care kits with water, sanitizer, fruit, and cultural supplies. 2 outreach worker positions offering COVID support. Isolation space for people infected with COVID. PPE, basic supplies, rent arrears and technology support for community. Purchase of community outreach van to support Indigenous Street Community and those transitioning into supportive or long term housing.	April 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$0	\$208,349	\$208,349
CSPC - Rent Bank	Needs-research and development of screening and administrative systems for Rent Bank. COVID pilot to provide grants and supports to people in arrears and financially impacted by pandemic in order to prevent homelessness.	December 1, 2020	April 30, 2021	\$373,414	\$160,034	\$533,448
Cornerstone	Expand services of Sanctuary Youth Centre from 3 to 5 days per week to support homeless youth. Hot meals, PPE, basic needs, and support from social isolation. Rent supplements in homelessness prevention, isolation in hotels if required, moving costs into housing, assisting youth to access health services.	January 1, 2021	April 30,2021	\$41,518	\$17,793	\$59,311
Pauquachin FN	Food Security - grocery store gift cards; Housing Security - 5 people/\$600m rental supplement + security deposit; motel stays for unhoused as temporary shelter, payment of hydro arrears for vulnerably housed; Transportation - taxi vouchers for essential trips for immune compromised/elder community members	January 1, 2021	April 30,2021	\$56,940	\$0	\$56,940
Songhees FN	Renovation of a duplex to address short term COVID isolation and sheltering, as well as ongoing homelessness. Ongoing social and health supports being provided by Songhees Nation.	January 15, 2021	May 31, 2021	\$214,715	\$0	\$214,715
Beecher Bay FN	Renovation of a signle-wide trailer for the purpose of homelessness prevention, COVID isolation, and transition sheltering until longerterm housing solutions are found.	January 15, 2021	May 31, 2021	\$65,868	\$0	\$65,868
City of Victoria	COVID response Homelessness Advocate (\$55,893) plus extreme weather coordination contractor (\$9,975)	August 1, 2020	June 30, 2021	\$46,138	\$19,774	\$65,912
CoolAid	Basic needs support with grocery gift cards, hygiene products and other gift cards to vulnerably housed for homelessness prevention.	February 2, 2021	April 30,2021	\$24,500	\$10,500	\$35,000
TAPS	Income and tenancy support for vulnerably housed. PWD advocate to assist people to navigating accessing supports through COVID.	January 15, 2021	April 30,2021	\$14,776	\$6,333	\$21,109
Pacifica Housing	Prevention/Shelter services - food cards; Temporary and long term housing placement and set up; transportation for clients transitioning out of shelters into housing.	January 15, 2021	April 30,2021	\$38,500	\$16,500	\$55,000
Salt Spring Isl CCS	<i>Pending: Occupancy Permit required before contract can be signed. Funding for purchase of furniture: beds, mattresses, common areas furniture and household goods for new shelter. BC Housing to fund 24/7 operations.</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>April 30,2021</i>	\$33,600	\$14,400	\$48,000
North Park Neighbourhood Assoc.	Laundry services for individuals sheltering outside, as well as some basic needs supports.	February 1, 2021	April 30, 2021	\$17,898	\$7,670	\$25,568
ESDC RH COVID Funding Allocated:				\$1,885,514	\$910,692	\$2,796,206
Canadian Medical Association Foundation Funding Allocated				\$43,050	\$18,450	\$61,500
Remaining Funding (from all sources) Available:				\$239,977	\$1,827	\$241,804
Updated March 10, 2021				Designated	Indigenous	