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Community Gaming Grant Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE SOCIETY –
GRANT APPLICATION

As the Electoral Areas Director for the Southern Gulf Islands, I am pleased to offer my support for the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society (SGICRC) in their application for funding for the Housing NOW: Homeshare Support & Navigation (HSN) program.

Housing insecurity is one of the most significant challenges facing our island communities. Limited rental availability, rising costs, and geographic isolation create ongoing barriers for low-income residents, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the essential workers who sustain our local services and economy. The Housing NOW: Homeshare Support & Navigation program provides much-needed assistance by offering hands-on navigation, tenancy education, early-intervention mediation, and mobile outreach across Pender, Mayne, Galiano, and Saturna Islands.

This program strengthens the existing Housing NOW registry with practical, person-centered support that helps prevent displacement, improves communication between tenants and homeowners, and contributes to long-term housing stability. The mobile access clinics and partnerships with employers and non-profit organizations further enhance its reach and effectiveness, ensuring that residents across all islands have equitable access to assistance.

The SGICRC has an established record of delivering responsive, community-focused services, and the HSN program is an essential extension of that work. I strongly support their application and believe this program will make a meaningful difference in the well-being and stability of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Paul Brent
CRD Electoral Area Director
Southern Gulf Islands