



**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017**

SUBJECT **Homelessness Partnering Strategy - Additional Funding for 2018-2019**

ISSUE

The Government of Canada has notified the Capital Regional District (CRD) that it is eligible for additional funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. The Agreements that the CRD has signed with the Government of Canada will need to be amended to include the additional funding.

BACKGROUND

On April 23, 2010, the CRD was approved by the Federal Government as the Community Entity for Greater Victoria under the Federal Homelessness Partnership Strategy (HPS). The CRD has signed two Agreements (see Appendix A) with the Government of Canada under which the CRD carries out due diligence and awards funding under the program. Over the past six years, the funding has been used to support capital projects and services oriented toward addressing issues related to homelessness in the region. A portion of the funding also pays for the CRD salary and administrative costs associated with managing the program on behalf of the Government of Canada. The Agreements end on March 31, 2019.

In the 2017 Federal Budget, the Government of Canada announced that it would increase the investment in HPS for the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 and has recently notified the CRD that the region is eligible to receive additional amounts of \$228,198 through the Designated Communities funding stream, and \$168,628 through the Aboriginal Homelessness funding stream. An additional \$49,910 has also been approved under the Designated Communities funding stream toward conducting a Homelessness Point-in-Time Count in 2018 bringing the total additional funding amount to \$446,736.

These additions will increase the total amount allocated to the region to \$4,409,503 over the five-year term of the Agreements. Confirmation of funding is attached in Appendix B.

The existing Funding Agreements between the CRD and Government of Canada must be amended to reflect the increase.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

1. Approve amending the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreements with the Government of Canada to include the management of \$446,736 in additional funding between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019; and
2. Authorize the Capital Regional District Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the agreements.

Alternative 2

Provide Capital Regional District staff with alternative direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Social Implications

The CRD works closely with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to award HPS funding to community organizations in support of projects that provide essential services and promote system improvements that will help support successful implementation of the Regional Housing First Program. Addressing these needs will also help contribute to general improved quality of life within communities throughout the region that currently experience the negative impacts of homelessness.

Intergovernmental Implications

The actions recommended in this report will impact the existing Agreements the CRD has with the Government of Canada. Amending the Agreements will demonstrate to the Government of Canada the CRD's ongoing commitment to its partnership in addressing homelessness.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of this increase will be incorporated into the 2018 and 2019 service plans and budgets for Regional Housing.

CONCLUSION

The capital region benefits from federal investment in homelessness reduction and prevention, and the additional funding offered under the amended Agreements will further support residents experiencing homeless. The recommendation is consistent with the CRD's ongoing partnership with the Government of Canada in administering the HPS portfolio.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve amending the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreements with the Government of Canada to include the management of \$446,736 in additional funding between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019; and
2. Authorize the Capital Regional District Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the agreements.

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Attachments: Appendix A – Existing HPS Funding Agreements between the CRD and the Government of Canada
Appendix B – Confirmation of funding from the Government of Canada