

# Community Need



## Initiative Progress Report

### Affordable Housing

Initiatives approved in 2020 Budget		
Ref	Initiative	Progress to date
1a-1	Affordable Housing per RGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Housing data indicate that housing development remained strong in the region, with CMHC reporting 3,499 housing starts in 2019. Of these, the CRD has recorded 607 affordable rental housing units being approved for development in the region in 2019, which represents a 33% increase in total units over 2018.</li> </ul>
1a-2	Housing Investment through RHFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An AAP was successful in facilitating approval of adding \$10 million of CRD contributions to the RHFP. BC Housing and CMHC have since approved an additional \$10 million each to bring the total funding available to \$120 million.</li> <li>Currently, 8 projects have been approved to support the construction of 907 units using \$62 million of the funding available. These approvals represent \$262 million of capital housing construction in the region.</li> </ul>
1a-3	Housing Investment through CRHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two redevelopment projects are proceeding through the CRHC:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Caledonia project has received approval for \$15.8 million in grant funding through BC Housing and to support a \$59.5 million capital development budget.</li> <li>The Michigan project has received approval for \$9.1 million split between RHFP and BC Housing grant funding to support a \$39 million capital development budget.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1a-4	Housing Continuation beyond RHFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on fulfilling current funding and development commitments. This will be carried over into 2021.</li> </ul>
1a-5	Housing Affordability Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Housing and Regional and Strategic Planning sections plan to use the findings and processes developed through the Regional Housing Needs Reports Project to inform the development of an improved housing reporting system.</li> </ul>
1a-6	Housing Asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current 2020 budget is to support up to \$2.2 million in capital asset improvement.</li> </ul>

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1a-7	Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (GVCEH) Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CRD sustained an ongoing service agreement with the GVCEH to provide \$325,000, of which \$100,000 is from the City of Victoria, to support strategic coordination of services, reporting of homelessness and ongoing administration of the organization.</li> <li>Regional Housing also responded to Board direction to enter into a service agreement and provide \$150,000 to the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness to support strategic planning and administration of programs that more equitably meet the needs of Indigenous people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.</li> </ul>
1a-8	Municipal Housing Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated a Regional Housing Needs Reports Project using a \$150,000 grant from UBCM to support 11 municipalities and electoral areas in completing provincially legislated Housing Needs Reports.</li> <li>Entered into 4 Housing Agreements with developers to support the sale/resale of 6 below market ownership housing units.</li> </ul>
1a-9	Housing System Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in an advisory role in the review of City of Victoria housing policies and programs.</li> <li>Have accepted an invitation from the District of Saanich to participate on its Housing Strategy.</li> </ul>
1a-10	Reaching Home *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued to administer the 5-year, \$4.7 million Reaching Home Designated Communities funding stream.</li> <li>Agreed to continue to act as the Community Entity responsible for administering the Indigenous Homelessness funding stream for one more year.</li> <li>Have negotiated a new Terms of Reference to support a reformulation of the Community Advisory Board in order to better meet Government of Canada directives.</li> <li>Received approval for a planning position within Housing Initiatives and Programs to use up to \$400,000 in Reaching Home Community Capacities Innovations funding to support the development and implementation of a Coordinated Access system that meets the requirements of the Government of Canada Reaching Home directives.</li> </ul>

\* New - Initiatives not in the 2019-2022 Corporate Plan