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REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2020

SUBJECT Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report is in fulfillment of the Hospitals and Housing Committee request that staff provide a quarterly update on Regional Housing First Program (RHFP) projects.

BACKGROUND

The RHFP partnership was formed in 2016, through which the CRD, BC Housing Management Commission and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation committed \$30 million (M) each to build housing units that would be used to address chronic homelessness in the region.

In 2020, the partners committed to increasing their contributions by \$10M each to address escalating land acquisition and construction costs. The total capital fund now available is \$120M and better positions the program to achieve the development of up to 400 units that rent at provincial assistance shelter rates. Within the mixed market model, the program is expected to build up to 2,000 units in total, of which the remaining non-RHFP housing units will operate as affordable rental. Overall, the program is expected to leverage the development of approximately \$600M in capital developments in housing.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020 report be received for information.

Alternative 2

That the Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020 report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

RHFP Program

Appendix A summarizes progress in the development of the nine RHFP projects that have previously received preliminary project approval by the CRD Board. These projects represent a total of 960 units with 226 to be rented at the provincial income assistance shelter rate.

Financial

These projects have been approved to receive a total of \$66,675,000 in RHFP funding.

CONCLUSION

The project summary provides the Hospitals and Housing Committee with an update on the progress of nine previously approved RHFP projects. In doing so, it fulfills the request that the Committee receive quarterly progress reports on the advancement of the program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020 report be received for information.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020