

Appendix D – Detailed Work Alignment

<b>Alignment to City of Regina Work</b>	
<p>1. Contribute resources to the Plan Coordination positions over Plan duration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End Homelessness Regina (EHR) has submitted a formal request to City administration for \$20,000 in 2020 funding (Appendix B)</li> <li>• Recommendation to direct Administration to provide \$20,000 to EHR in 2020 with future allocations considered through the budget.</li> </ul>
<p>2. Ensure alignment of City policy and procedures with Plan targets, both in program delivery and to support the increase of affordable housing options.</p> <p><i>Continue to pursue Plan targets through the use of zoning mechanisms</i></p>	<p><b>Comprehensive Housing Strategy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CHS focuses on expansion of the supply and affordability of suitable housing forms (i.e. provide diverse, affordable housing options).</li> <li>• The CHS guides other work that strongly aligns with the Plan, including the Housing Incentives Policy and Zone Forward.</li> <li>• Future amendments to the CHS will respond to the findings, priorities, and progress of the Plan as a way to establish stronger alignment in supporting housing and homelessness in our city.</li> </ul> <p><b>Zone Forward (ZF):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the ZF, Administration considered recommendations in the Comprehensive Housing Strategy and feedback from local affordable housing providers in developing the new zoning regulations. The approved Zoning Bylaw included:</li> <li>• <i>Removing separation requirements when establishing new Group Care Homes and allowing them in all residential and mixed-use zones as a right.</i></li> <li>• <i>Reducing the minimum parking requirements for new Group Care Homes and apartments (stacked buildings containing five or more units).</i></li> <li>• <i>Allowing for a reduction in minimum parking requirements where a development is located close to transit.</i></li> <li>• <i>Allowing for more diverse housing types by permitting the development of multi-unit residential buildings in more areas of the City.</i></li> </ul>

**Community Investment Grants Program (CIGP):**

- The City’s CIGP funds community-based organizations (CBO) to deliver programs and projects that respond to community needs. Many of the CBO’s that qualify for funding under the CIGP support individuals that are homeless, or at risk of homelessness
- In 2020, administration will be evaluating the current indicators that are relevant to each stream of funding. This process will involve engagement with funded CBO’s, ensuring coherence of our priorities and measurable outcomes.
- Future amendments to the social development priorities, outcomes, and indicators will need to balance alignment to the Plan, and current community needs as identified by organizations that support individuals that experience homelessness.

**Housing Incentives Policy (HIP) Review:**

- In January 2020 City Council approved amendments to the HIP that align with the goals and objectives of the Plan, including:
- *Providing a capital grant of up to \$20,000 where a new affordable rental housing development includes an on-site support suite (e.g. counselling suite). Support services can range from drug/alcohol addiction counselling to job and life-training services and are typically provided by an external organization that has entered into a service agreement with the housing developer. The grant would assist with the capital costs of constructing the on-site support space only, not the operational costs of the support service.*
- *Allowing affordable rental developers that receive capital grants to rent units directly to external support organizations which will in turn rent the units to low income households. This change will make it easier for both non-profit and private sector housing developers to partner with local organizations that provide wrap around services for low-income households.*
- *Creating a tax exemption program for housing providers that repair existing rental buildings and rent units at below market rates. This incentive will assist local housing providers maintain their existing affordable housing units.*

**Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board (RHCAB):**

- The RHCAB, which is made up of public, private, and non-profit sector individuals, including community members with lived experience of homelessness, collaborates to distribute federal funding to local community-based organizations that provide support to the homelessness community
- City Administration's continued leadership at this table is important, as we are the level of government closest to the communities and the community-based organizations that are providing the services that align with the Plan