

Plan to End Homelessness - Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant

Date	March 31, 2021
To	Mayor Masters and City Councillors
From	Community Wellness Committee
Service Area	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Item #	CR21-57

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve the creation of a Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant program aligned with the Plan to End Homelessness to fund the ongoing operation of permanent supportive housing in an amount not to exceed \$1 million annually beginning in 2022.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development to select a qualified Community-Based Organization to operate Permanent Supportive Housing spaces for a term of five years using the process outlined in this report and the criteria established in Appendix A.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development to negotiate, approve and amend any funding agreements needed between the City of Regina and the selected Community-Based Organization.
4. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements after review and approval by the City Solicitor.
5. Authorize the funding for the Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant to be provided from the City's Social Development Reserve.
6. Amend the Housing Incentive Policy in Section 6.0 to decrease the maximum amount of funding available annually for capital incentives from \$2,500,000 less

what is utilized from the allocated funding of \$1 million, as outlined in item #1, effective January 1, 2022.

7. Instruct the City Solicitor to amend Schedule A, Section 13.1 and 14 of *The Regina Administration Bylaw*, No. 2003-69 to include payments through the Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant.
8. Delegate authority to the Mayor to write to the provincial government to request that it:
 - a. Fully realize its commitments to helping end homelessness under the Plan to End Homelessness for Regina, including undertaking a review of policy and programs that serve people experiencing chronic homelessness to ensure an evidence-based approach and attention to the unique aspects of Indigenous homelessness.
 - b. Contribute \$1.26 million annually in operational funding for new permanent supportive housing spaces as recommended in the Plan to End Homelessness.
 - c. Work with service providers to supply capital funding and assets to support permanent supportive housing spaces, utilizing new and existing units.
 - d. Support solutions to end homelessness through integrating Housing First programming within policy frameworks, modernizing relevant policies and legislation, and facilitating partnerships to ensure the future success of the project.
9. Remove item MHC20-1 from the list of outstanding items for the Mayor's Housing Commission.

HISTORY

At the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Community Wellness Committee, the Committee considered the attached CWC21-4 report from City Planning & Community Development.

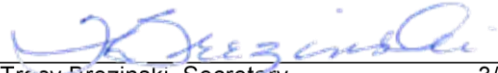
The Committee adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendation, after amending:

1. The dollar amount of \$700,000 noted in item #1 to be increased to a maximum of \$1 million to fund the ongoing operation of permanent supportive housing annually beginning in 2022; and
2. Item #6 be written to read as follows: "Amend the Housing Incentive Policy in Section 6.0 to decrease the maximum amount of funding available annually for capital incentives from \$2,500,000 less what is utilized from the allocated funding of \$1 million, as outlined in item #1, effective January 1, 2022."

Recommendation #10 does not require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE



Tracy Brezinski, Secretary

3/25/2021.

ATTACHMENTS

CWC21-4 - Plan to End Homelessness - Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant

Appendix A – Criteria Table

Appendix B - Feb 2021 CBC News Article

Appendix C - Homelessness CBO Focus Group Report

Appendix D - Affordable Housing Providers Focus Group Report

Appendix E - Jurisdiction Scan

Appendix F - Regina Housing First Evaluation Infographic