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Nov. 2nd, 2021

Further to the YWCA request to the City of Regina on Sept. 5th, 2021, I have included updated information. The information is being provided so that the project, Center for Women and Families, can meet the Federal staking requirements of the ICIP program.

We have broken the project into the following programming phases to meet staking requirements:

Project Phases	COST
Community Hub	28.7
Healing Space/lodge	4.0
Housing	16.3
Childcare	5.0
	54.0

Based on this breakdown, YWCA is requesting \$4 million dollars from the ICIP program for the capital build of the Healing Space and Ceremony Lodge. This project phase will not be requested as an eligible expense under any other government application.

The following information shows where Project Phases have requested eligible expenses under different government programs

Project Phases	COST	GICP	СМНС	ICIP	SCIP	City of Regina - Land	YWCA
Community Hub	28.7	15.0				0.5	13.2
Healing Space/lodge	4.0			4.0			
Housing	16.3		11.0		1.0	1.0	3.3
Childcare	5.0					0.5	4.5
	54.0	15.0	11.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	21.0

The Center for Women and Families has a capital cost of \$54 million which is a \$9 million increase from its original \$45 million-dollar cost. This addition is a 20% contingency that has been added to the construction, materials, consultant and contractor costs at the recommendation of the Project Management Team given the recent increase to the cost of construction materials.

YWCA Regina has secured 39% (21 million) of required funding to date. An application to Infrastructure Canada has been submitted for 15 million and we anticipate announcement in the Fall. If we are successful with this funding and have confirmation of City of Regina ICIP funding, we will be able to start construction. In addition, we will be submitting an additional application to CMHC in the Fall for \$5 million. YWCA Regina is requesting



"up to \$4 million" from the City of Regina ICIP funding because if the cost of construction materials decreases, we are committed to requesting a lower amount.

Uses of Funds – Contingency added to		Sources of Funds - GOALS		
Construction and Consultan	<u>ts</u>			
Land	\$2 Million	YWCA Regina	\$2 Million	
Construction/Materials	\$42.5 Million	Community Campaign	\$15 million	
FFE	\$1 Million	City of Regina	\$2 Million	
Architect/Contractor	\$4 Million	Province of SK	\$7 Million	
Contingency	\$3 Million	Government of Canada	\$28 Million	
Fund Development	\$1.5 Million		\$54 Million	
	\$54 Million			

Government Funding Projections:

Municipal: City of Regina Provincial: Government of Saskatchewan

Gift of Land (confirmed) \$2M SCIP (confirmed \$500,000) \$1M

ICIP (Requested) up to \$4M TOTAL: \$1M

TOTAL: \$6M

Federal: Government of Canada CMHC Co-Investment (confirmed) \$6M

CMHC Co-Investment for women fleeing DV (Program Pending Election) \$5M

Green and Inclusion Buildings (Requested) \$15 Million

TOTAL: \$26M

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YWCA Regina serves over 80% urban Indigenous women and their families. We partner with Indigenous organizations to bring cultural knowledge, ceremony, ways of knowing and practice to our organization. The Centre for Women and Families includes a healing and ceremony site which will be the first ceremony and year-around sweat lodge available in our community. The development of this space has been recognized as leading the way across the country and is a much-needed act of reconciliation in our City. The healing and ceremony space will be stewarded by All Nations Hope Network, an Indigenous organization in our community.

YWCA Regina also recognizes the importance of developing opportunities for economic growth and green projects in our community. The design of the building is 'Net Zero' ready and through its concrete construction has the thermal mass and capacity for solar generated energy in the future. Furthermore, through consultation with sustainability consultants, the Centre's energy consumption will be 17% better than the 2017 National Energy code. The Centre for Women and Families is 'shovel ready' which provides an opportunity for immediate economic impact to local individuals and businesses. The construction of the Centre will require over 250,000 person-hours of skilled tradespeople and will create an average of 70 construction jobs over the course of the 20-month project. It will contribute over \$2.5 million of revenue to local construction supply companies, such as lumber yards and concrete plants. In addition, once completed, the Centre will be home to three local social enterprise business ventures that will support opportunities for job training and skill development.

The Centre for Women and Families will keep families together by addressing the high rates of intimate partner violence in our province and poverty rates amoung women and families in our community. Through our partners, Mobile Crisis, Regina Sexual Assault and All Nations Hope Network, the hub model will ensure that vulnerable women and children will have access to wraparound services that will divert them from the need to access crisis services. In addition, the community multi-purpose space will provide space for 'pop up' services and flexible space for programming that will continue to serve the changing needs of our community.

The Centre for Women and Families is an innovative approach reduces the negative impacts and costly response of shelters, emergency room visits, child welfare support programs and police interactions. It cost approx. \$120,000/year to support a single woman accessing crisis services while supporting that woman through our shelters and outreach reduces that amount of \$60,000/year. However, earlier support avoids the need for crisis services and allows us to serve the woman preventatively by provide stable housing at a cost of only \$14, 000/year. It does so, through community collaboration, participation from multiple community organizations and through involvement of the broader community.

Through the design and development of the Center for Women and Families, YWCA Regina has consulted with community organizations, women and families we serve, stakeholders and Indigenous communities. These consultations not only provided a foundation for best practices, but they also developed strong community ownership. This ownership is also apparent in success of the Center for Women and Families Capital Cabinet fundraising efforts. The Cabinet has been able to raise just over \$12 million during the silent portion of the campaign and intend to bring the campaign into the public phase when construction begins. The response of donors reflects the importance of the project as well as recognizes its potential impact.

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Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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September 5th, 2021

Chris Holden
City Manager, City of Regina
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Greetings Chris,

On behalf of our community partners, YWCA Regina is writing this letter in request to the City of Regina for up to \$6 million dollars from the ICIP program for the capital build of the Center for Women and Families.

The capital cost for the Center for Women and Families is \$54 million, which is a \$9 million increase from the original \$45 million-dollar cost. This addition represents a 20% contingency that has been added to the construction, materials, consultant and contractor costs at the recommendation of the Project Management Team given the recent increase to the cost of construction materials. YWCA Regina has secured 39% (21 million) of the required funding to date. We have also submitted an application to Infrastructure Canada for 17 million and we anticipate an announcement on this in the fall. If we are successful with this funding and have confirmation of the City of Regina ICIP funding, we will be able to start construction. In addition, we will be submitting an application to CMHC in the fall for \$5 million. YWCA Regina is requesting 'up to \$6 million' from the City of Regina ICIP funding because if the cost of construction materials decrease, we are committed to requesting a lower amount.

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