

Report

Date	March 15, 2023	File:
Subject	Support for Regional Grant Application on behalf of Cowichan Housing Association	

PURPOSE

To consider partnering with the Cowichan Housing Association, the City of Duncan and community partners on an application to the Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Stream 2 funding program administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

BACKGROUND

In February of 2022, Council supported the City of Duncan as the primary applicant to apply for, receive and manage grant funding to establish and implement a poverty reduction plan of action that is regional in scope and community-driven under Stream 1 of the Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program.

The City of Duncan applied for and managed the grant on behalf of the Cowichan Housing Association (CHA). CHA is now looking for support for an application under Stream 2.

DISCUSSION

The CHA would like to proceed with an application for Stream 2 of the UBCM's Poverty Reduction Planning & Action program for a project titled: A Place for Everyone to Call Home - Implementing Duncan/North Cowichan's Action Plan Towards Ending Poverty and Homelessness in the Cowichan Valley. As only local governments can apply for this funding, they request that the City of Duncan again submit the application on their behalf.

In order to qualify for up to \$100,000 of funding, support from the City and the Municipality is required.

At their meeting on March 6, 2023, the City of Duncan Council agreed to submit the grant application on behalf of the CHA. The application deadline is March 17, 2023.

A copy of the grant application and detailed budget are attached to provide additional information regarding the project's intended outcomes.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council support the City of Duncan as the primary applicant to apply for up to \$100,000 under the Poverty Reduction Stream 2 Action Grant Program administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and that Council authorize the City of Duncan to receive and manage the grant funding on the District of North Cowichan's behalf.
 - This resolution is required so that the CHA can apply for up to \$100,000 of funding under the grant program. As only one application per local government is permitted, North Cowichan

cannot submit a separate funding application.

2. THAT Council direct staff to advise the City of Duncan that they do not support this grant application.
 - Should Council not provide support for the application, the proposed budget would need to be amended to a maximum of \$50,000, which is the total funding available to one municipality.

IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications to staff time as the City of Duncan would take the lead on this project. North Cowichan would not be able to apply for funding under the program, but staff are unaware of any municipal projects that would meet the funding criteria.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support the City of Duncan as the primary applicant to apply for up to \$100,000 under the Poverty Reduction Stream 2 Action Grant Program administered by Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and that Council authorize the City of Duncan to receive and manage the grant funding on the District of North Cowichan's behalf.

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Attachments:

- (1) CHA Poverty Reduction Grant App
- (2) CHA Poverty Reduction Budget