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Dear Mayor Douglas:

Thank you for submitting a funding request for the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Mental health and substance use are key priorities for government, and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions continues to work closely with government partners, the province's health authorities, and community partners to deliver on these key priorities. The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions remains committed to improving the mental health and wellness of all British Columbians.

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is acutely aware of the impact of our work and the work done through our countless partners and stakeholder organizations. Bettering mental health and substance use care in BC takes a collective effort and is absolutely not something we can do alone. We are truly grateful for each and every person who has dedicated their time, energy, and enthusiasm into supporting our province's residents when they are at their most vulnerable.

Our ministry values the work of the Municipality of North Cowichan, however, in the current fiscal environment, funding is limited and it is not always possible to provide support to all the many worthy organizations seeking financial assistance from the government. At this time, we are not able to provide financial support to the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

**Grant Holly** 

**Executive Financial Officer** 

**Executive Lead, Corporate Services** 

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions