

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Flood Recovery Manager**

Date: March 11, 2019

Subject: Letter of support for Not-for-Profit Housing Capacity Building Grant

Recommendation: **THAT Council endorses the application by Urban Matters CCC and Boundary Family Services to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for the project “Developing a Backbone Housing Organization in the Boundary”**

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## Background

Urban Matters CCC (Community Contribution Corporation) works with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Boundary Flood Recovery Team to support housing recovery. Capacity among non-profit housing organizations has been identified as a key risk to housing recovery as well as meeting the ongoing needs in the community for affordable, supported, seniors or special needs housing.

Urban Matters has recommended regional non-profits work together to align and coordinate their efforts to explore opportunities for gaining efficiencies, reduce duplication of staff and volunteer functions, and identify governance options to deliver some housing services or functions in a shared manner through, for example, a 'backbone organization'. Urban Matters has donated \$40,000 to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to contribute towards a coordinator hosted by a local community organization. Together with Boundary Family Services, Urban Matters has applied to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for a grant of \$35,000 to leverage that contribution to create a local position to build capacity and develop governance and alignment options for regional housing non-profit organizations.

Specific planned deliverables include:

- Convening multi-stakeholder meetings
- Asset review and governance planning
- Organizational business planning and strategic planning

Boundary Flood Recovery is requesting that Council provides a resolution endorsing the application.

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## Benefits or Impacts

Supports strong and efficient partnerships to enable housing recovery and long-term housing capacity development in Grand Forks and the Boundary.

### **Policy/Legislation**

This initiative is line with the Official Community Plan Bylaw 1919-A2 objective 4.2.2: Encourage and support the development of affordable housing for low-income families, individuals, seniors and those with disabilities; and policy 4.3.10: Support non-profit organizations in their work of sponsoring, development and managing housing projects and addressing housing needs of homeless and at-risk families and individuals.

### **Attachments**

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### **Recommendation**

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### **Options**

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

### Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**No Signature - Task assigned to Diane Heinrich was completed by assistant Daniel Drexler**

**Diane Heinrich - Mar 6, 2019 - 1:55 PM**