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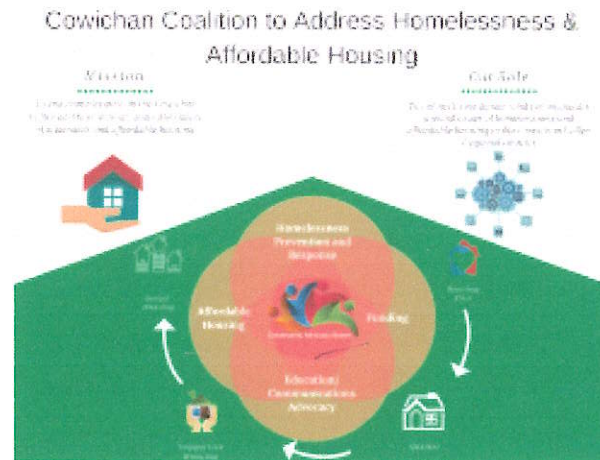
Cowichan Coalition to Address Homelessness and Affordable Housing

Annual Summary Report

March 31, 2019

Coalition Governance: Structure and Organization

- Adopted Terms of Reference
- Ongoing meetings of Leadership Team organized and facilitated activities of the Coalition
- Website template developed



Homelessness Prevention and Response

Community Plan to Address Homelessness adopted April 2018

Women's Cold Weather Shelter (CWAV) project facilitated by CWAVS and United Way was successfully implemented in December 2018

HPS Aboriginal funding activities 2018-2019:

- Duncan Indigenous
- House of Friendship Breakfast Program \$98,000
- House of Friendship Housing First Pilot Project \$40,000
- Cowichan Housing Association Housing Loss Prevention \$7,500
- Cowichan Women Against Violence Housing Loss Prevention \$7,859

HPS Rural and Remote funding activities:

Cowichan Housing Association \$70,000

- Tenant and Landlord Education
- Information, Support and Referral
- Emergency Assistance (Housing Loss Prevention)
- Ladysmith Resources Centre Assn \$5000 Housing Loss Prevention

Youth Housing First:

- Housing First for Youth Plan completed
- Identified Youth Shelter Project
- Seeking Housing First funding

- Host Homes Pilot Project (SPC) received funding from Home Depot to develop this program in 2019

Homelessness Prevention and Response continued...

Initiative to develop transitional housing for Women and Children (CMHA) Day of Services held in October led by CIVILRC

Community Action Team work to address Opioid Crisis

Next Steps:

- United Way application to receive Reaching Home Homelessness Prevention designated funds for Cowichan Region

Emerging Initiatives:

- CMHA Youth Hub and Youth Shelter
- CWAVS working to have Women's Cold Weather Shelter become year round
- Cowichan Neighbourhood House is working on a cold weather in Chemainus shelter hopefully for this winter

Community Land Trust/North Cowichan Housing Project is progressing

Affordable Housing

Regional Housing Service Proposal and Referendum held in fall of 2018 was successful in approving up to \$750,000 per year for a Regional Housing Service. CHA is working with the CVRD on a Contribution Agreement and preparing to launch in spring of 2019.

The Regional Housing Service is proposed with the following components:

Housing Trust Fund \$500,000
CHA Services and Fund Management \$250,000

Attainable Housing Strategy Draft is now complete and will accompany the Regional Housing Service implementation

Regional Affordable Housing Committee has been very active over the past year and has provided direction and oversight to the AHS.

Ladysmith Resources Centre Association Housing Project was successful in garnering BCH funding approval

Communications, Education, Advocacy

2018 strategy and actions focused on affordable housing referendum
Numerous open houses and dialogues were conducted for the referendum and Attainable Housing Strategy
CMHA has been working on awareness and reduction of stigma programming