



Council Member Motion
For the Council Meeting of November 26, 2015

To: Council **Date:** November 25, 2015
From: Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Alto and Mayor Helps
Subject: Strategic Objective Account Contribution to Streets to Home

Background:

The issues of homelessness keep councillors, staff, police and social agencies very busy and expenditures on managing the issues are well documented. Providing grants to support the development of supportive and affordable rental housing aligns with and supports Council's strategic priority of Making Victoria More Affordable (Objective 6). Support for the rent supplement to provide housing also aligns with Council's strategic priority to Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness (Objective 7).

The Streets to Homes (S2H) program is based on the "Housing First with Supports" model, which aims to move people directly from homelessness to permanent market housing and provide customized supports to help them stay housed. The program secures housing, integrates services, and improves coordination to effectively delivers services to people with mental health and substance use issues who are experiencing homelessness. The S2H was originally piloted as a collaborative effort on the part of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness and eight partner organizations. As of Jan 1, 2012, the pilot was proved successful and the program was officially transferred to the Pacifica Housing Society.

Recommendation:

Whereas, Pacifica Housing is reaching out to community partners to leverage funding to move an additional 40 chronic and episodically homeless adults into stable market housing by the latest, summer of 2016,

And whereas, Pacifica Housing has reached out to other funders to successfully leverage the total amount to reach this goal,

And whereas, the City of Victoria's Strategic Objectives Account currently has approximately \$110,000.

Therefore, that Council support this initiative by providing \$75,000 from the Strategic Objectives Account to *Pacifica Housing to help move homeless adults into stable housing*, conditional on other partners coming on board *with additional funding*.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Thornton-Joe

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Councillor Alto

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Mayor Helps