

The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness

**COVID-19 Homelessness Response Network**

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

In Attendance:

Councillor Bob Chapman	Chair
Alyxandra Riddell	Region of Durham
Cindy McCreight	Region of Durham
Erin Valant	Region of Durham
Jocelyn Sicilliano	Region of Durham
Mtanness Shaloufe	Region of Durham
Rileigh Bint	Region of Durham
Shari Steffler	Region of Durham
Stephanie Ross	Region of Durham
Adrianna Vanderneut	Durham Youth Services
Alison Heron	LHIN
Alyssa Skan	Cornerstone
Ashley McDonald	CDCD
Barb Fanin	United Way Durham
Christina Barrow	JHS
Debra Mattson	YWCA
Christine Robinson	Community Living Durham North
Clarence Keesman	The Refuge
Dianna Eastwood	JHS
Doreen Hume-McKenna	Regional Housing Coordinator
Rev David Moore	Simcoe St. United Church
Hermia Corbette	CDCD
Jessica Hanson	United Way Durham
Jessica Robinson	Community Living Durham North
Lucie Hager	VHA
Marla Walters	CFOC
Maureen Bandola	John Howard Society
Mona Emond	North House
Neemarie Alam	
Rev Roy Graves	First Light Foundation of Hope
Rob Brglez	Cornerstone Community Association
Shirleen Weekes	CFOC
Sueanne Balgobin	
Tracey Hardinge	CMHA Durham

SSRF Funding Allocation

- The SSRF Funding installments received this year were flowed through CHPI to enable us to respond to COVID-19.

- As part of Phase II SSRF Funding, the province held back a portion of funding and is now releasing that. We have been allocated an additional \$4.7 million. This funding comes with the same timelines as the previous funding. All operating dollars of this funding must end by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year. All capital projects must have plans finalized in January and projects complete by December 31, 2021.
  - Look into development charges, educational fees for The Refuge' Rapid Housing Initiative project.
  - Consideration for the purchase of 3-4 houses to rent out to singles for the homelessness response.
  - Email Erin by the end of this week if you have any recommendations for this additional funding.

#### Call for Expression of Interest (CFEOI): Working Together to End Homelessness in Durham 2020

- The Call for Expressions of Interest has been posted. Funding will start in 2021-2022.
- Caseloads will vary depending on client acuity.
- KPI's are subject to change based on available data over the first 6 months
- Send out PDF with the minutes.

#### Budget Recommendations from DHAN

- The highest-ranking proposals submitted were:
  - **The Back Door Mission**
    - to expand indoor capacity for Safe Sleep/ Rest Area
  - **The Back Door Mission**
    - electricity and Wi-Fi updates to the building
    - transportation for after hours and weekends
    - navigation desk printer
  - **Kids on Wheels**
    - dedicated transportation for north and south Durham (Monday through Friday 9 am – 5 pm)
  - **Durham Mental Health Services**
    - technology to support virtual services
  - **CDCD**
    - website development for homelessness and housing-related information sharing
  - **Gap Committee**
    - video production & multi-media campaign
  - **Canadian Mental Health**
    - technology
    - eviction prevention
    - client care packages
    - increased access & safety

- **Christian Faith Outreach Centre**
  - acquire real estate for the purpose of providing additional housing in Ajax for the benefit of the Salvation Army Transitional Housing program

#### Reaching Home Leadership Enhancement Workbook

- Reaching Home released a new workbook tool intended to support homeless-sector leaders engage in important topics related to preventing and reducing homelessness
- Prior to the meeting in January, please have a look at the workbook and put some thought into the questions.
- [Leadership Enhancement Workbook](#)

#### Bright Spots

- CFOC has been successful at moving several clients into housing this month, many thanks to the Ajax Hub and everyone involved.

#### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Meetings will be scheduled monthly on Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Send any agenda items and/ or Good News Stories to [Alyxandra.Riddell@durham.ca](mailto:Alyxandra.Riddell@durham.ca) by end of day Thursday to be added to the following Tuesday's agenda.