

Service 451 Comox Valley Homelessness Supports

PURPOSE

To provide an update on workplan activities of Service 451 (Service) and supplementary information. The 2026-2030 Proposed Financial Plan proposes an additional 0.25 FTE in 2026 to meet the necessary capacity of resources to support the Service.

OVERVIEW

2025 Carry Forward Activities

- The 2025 HSS Grant application process launched in December 2025 with an application deadline of January 20, 2026. Applications will be adjudicated by a selection committee led by the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, and recommendations for funding will be presented to the Board for approval in early 2026. Up to \$255,000 is available in carried forward funds from the 2025 Budget. Additional 2025 carry forwards include:
 - City of Courtenay – \$116,314 (pending disbursement for purpose-built supportive housing, funds approved in 2023)
 - M'akola Housing Society - \$70,000 (pending confirmation of Cumberland affordable housing project advancing, funds approved in 2025)
 - Coalition to End Homelessness – \$39,000 (pending confirmation of Fiscal Host, funds approved in 2025)

2026 Workplan Activities

- Since 2021, the CVRD has been providing funding to the Coalition by way of an agreement with the Coalition's fiscal host for a Coordinator role and honoraria to support People with Lived and Living Experience of homelessness. \$55,000 is again budgeted in the 2026 budget for this purpose.
- The CVRD is currently supporting a planning process with the community to develop a Community Homelessness Plan to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness in the Comox Valley. Further engagement is scheduled in early 2026 to finalize the draft plan and identify priority actions and implementation needs.
- The Community Homelessness Plan will identify recommended priorities and actions for the Service over the next three to five years, beginning in 2026. These recommendations will be brought to the Board for approval once the Homelessness Plan is finalized.

- The 2026-2030 Financial Plan includes \$286,788 for HSS Grants and \$122,000 for the implementation of the Homelessness Plan. The Service currently has no staff allocation, yet significant staff time is required to support Service activities. The proposed budget includes a 0.25 FTE reallocation from Service 512 Regional Growth Strategy to ensure sufficient capacity to deliver the Service.