



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: October 24, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Complete Communities Program Application - Funding Approval**

Report Prepared by: Melissa Hunt-Anderson, Community & Social Development Coordinator

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure – We will invest in building, improving, and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

Pursue Economic Growth and Prosperity – We will work with stakeholders throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

BACKGROUND

On June 16, 2023, following Council's direction, the City of West Kelowna applied for grant funding from the Union of BC Municipalities under the Complete Communities program to create an Infill Housing Strategy based on four lenses - housing, daily needs, transportation, and infrastructure - to identify actions that align with City defined community goals. The Infill Housing Strategy will meet the objectives of the 20-year Community Vision, Official Community Plan and Transportation Master Plan updates by identifying means to create a complete, compact, and connected community that offers a diverse range of inclusive and affordable housing and allowing people to comfortably age in-place. The strategy will support an increase of affordable housing choices for both homeowners and renters, by incentivizing developers, encouraging denser mixed-use development in or near urban and neighbourhood centres and working with our neighbouring community, Westbank First Nation, to identify complimentary housing opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City was successful in their Complete Communities Program grant application for up to \$149,996 (including a 10% contingency), for an Infill Housing Strategy. This approved grant application will result in no additional budget costs to the City; however, a 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan amendment will be required to reflect the provincial grant funds of \$149,996 being contributed to creating an Infill Housing Strategy.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
May 5, 2021	UBCM Grant – Housing Needs Assessment Council resolved to submit a UBCM Application for a Housing Needs Report Program Grant. <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>	C196/21
June 13, 2023	Council direct staff to apply to the Complete Communities Program, seeking \$150,000, to support the creation of the City of West Kelowna's Infill Housing Strategy. <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>	C241/23

REVIEWED BY

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APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments: Complete Communities Program Grant Funding Approval Agreement