

# Report to Council



**Date:** August 26, 2019  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Grant Funding for Homelessness  
**Department:** Active Living and Culture

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information the report from Active Living and Culture dated August 26, 2019, regarding grant funding for homelessness from the United Way Southern Interior BC;

AND THAT Council approves receiving the \$197,128.54, designated to address homelessness and related issues, from the United Way Southern Interior BC as outlined in the report dated August 26, 2019;

AND THAT Council supports a \$197,128.54 grant to the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society to support the Society's work of addressing homelessness in Kelowna;

AND THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include receiving and granting of this \$197,128.54.

## **Purpose:**

To obtain Council's support to receive \$197,128.54, designated to address homelessness and related issues, from the United Way Southern Interior BC and grant the funds to the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society.

## **Background:**

The Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS) is in the process of applying for charitable status through Revenue Canada. Having this status will provide the COJHS opportunities to pursue various grants with charitable status as a requirement, receive donations from private donors and issue tax receipts in return. This status is an important aspect to their fundraising program.

The United Way Southern Interior BC has received donations directed toward homelessness and related issues and is providing the funding to the City who facilitated the process leading to the Journey Home Strategy, Kelowna's 5-year plan to address homelessness in our community. The City supports

the work of COJHS as it implements the Journey Home Strategy and will provide this funding as a grant to further the Society's work in our community.

**Internal Circulation:**

Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture  
Divisional Director, Financial Services  
Communications Advisor

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements  
Existing Policy  
Financial/Budgetary Considerations  
External Agency/Public Comments  
Communications Comments

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**Approved for inclusion:**



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