

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

**Title:** Housing Catalyst Fund 2022 Recipients

**Date Prepared:** May 12, 2022

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft, Housing

**Ward:** N/A

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**Decision/Direction Required:** Decision on recommendations of the 2022 Housing Catalyst Fund, as selected by application review committee.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The Housing Catalyst Fund is a partnership between the Community Housing Transformation Centre (the Centre) and the City of St. John's. The Housing Catalyst Fund supports practical and collaborative projects which lead to transformative change in the sector. The role of this fund is to work with community groups and other stakeholders to facilitate and plan housing solutions that will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families and build a healthier community.

The City of St. John's and the Community Housing Transformation Centre have selected five grants totaling \$110,000 to be awarded for 2022:

- **Anglican Homes - \$30,000**
- **St. John's Status of Women Council/Women's Centre - \$30,000**
- **Gathering Place - \$20,000**
- **Stella's Circle - \$20,000**
- **Hospitality NL - \$10,000**

Providing Housing Catalyst grants for affordable housing projects is a goal of the Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2028, a ten-year plan to address our municipality's housing needs, developed with the vision of working in-step with partners, stakeholders and residents to create and maintain safe, suitable, and affordable housing throughout the city.

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: \$50,000 approved by Council for the Housing Catalyst Fund for 2022. The City's contribution would make up a total of \$30,000 in this round of funding. Details can be found in the attached Backgrounder.

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2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Community Housing Transformation Centre providing funding support of \$80,000.

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

An Effective City: Achieve service excellence through collaboration, innovation and modernization grounded in client needs.

Choose an item.

4. Alignment with Adopted Plans: The Affordable Housing Strategy aligns with the Strategic Plan's vision and directions. Affordable Housing actions work in tandem with the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.
5. Legal or Policy Implications: Working Group and Committee Members whose agencies have applications submitted excuse themselves from any decision-making process to avoid a conflict of interest.
6. Privacy Implications: : None anticipated at this time.
7. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Communications and Engagement have been informed of our work to date on the Housing Catalyst Fund.
8. Human Resource Implications: None anticipated at this time.
9. Procurement Implications: None anticipated at this time.
10. Information Technology Implications: None anticipated at this time.
11. Other Implications: None anticipated at this time.

**Recommendation:**

That Council support the decision to award Housing Catalyst Fund grants to the applicants outlined above, as selected by the fund's review committee.

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**Report Approval Details**

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