## INFORMATION NOTE

Title: Housing Catalyst Fund Date Prepared: 17/09/2019 Report To: Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) Issue: Housing Catalyst Fund Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Housing Catalyst Grant is now open for applications. We are hoping to broaden the reach of this grant and the range of applications we receive.

The Housing Catalyst Fund allows the City to be a catalyst for practical and collaborative projects that produce tangible housing solutions. The City's role through this fund is to work collaboratively with community groups and other stakeholders (builders, developers, etc.) to facilitate and plan housing solutions that will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families and build a healthier community.

To be considered, projects must be solution focused and action oriented and must be in line with the City's <u>Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2028</u>.

Applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 per project. The application deadline is the last Friday in November. Then application can be found here: <u>http://www.stjohns.ca/forms/housing-catalyst-fund-application</u>

**Conclusion/Next Steps:** We would like to discuss with the AHWG members ways we can broaden the reach of this grant opportunity and discuss the 2019 selection committee.

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