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Subject: SRO Food and Cleaning Program update

Dear Mayor and Council,

In the COVID19 - Update on Emergency Operations Centre Activation memo shared with Council on November 3, 2020, we highlighted the food and cleaning initiative to support residents of single room occupancy (SROs) housing and the City's non-market housing operations. City staff worked with Vancouver Coastal Health and BC Housing to provide targeted delivery of food and cleaning services through three streams:

1. **Direct Meal/Cleaning Provision in Congregate Settings** – In order to support effective self-isolation and outbreak management, VCH is coordinating the targeted provision of food (and enhanced cleaning services) to residents in public and private SROs, as part of their case management process.
2. **Community Mobilized Food Programs in SROs** – The City is leveraging community groups, specifically SRO Collaborative and Community Groups Supporting Food Security (CIRES), to support a meal delivery program in private SROs that is linked to cultural, harm reduction and peer empowerment programming.
3. **Non-Market Housing Food Program** – Some tenants in City non-marketing housing buildings are being provided prepared/frozen meals via Langara Golf.

The initial funding from BC Housing ran from October to December 31, 2020. During this time over 47,000 meals and grocery hampers were distributed to residents.

I extremely happy to report that BC Housing has extended funding to March 31, 2021.

Please email Sandra Singh, GM ACCS (Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca), if you have any questions and she and the team will respond through the weekly Council questions roll-up.

Best,
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