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Dear Mayor and Council,

Below is some additional detailed information in response to questions from Cllr Swanson regarding CHIP grants. Again, I am sending this to you outside of the regular weekly Q&A because it is pertinent to a report you will be contemplating this week.

Q: Re CHIP grants: how much is in the CHIP fund? Is it all from the EHT? How much did we get from the EHT last year? How much are we expecting this year? What are some other projects that have received CHIP funds?

A: Below is more detailed information on the CHIP program:

- The CHIP program has was originally approved in 2019 with a \$25M budget for the 2019-2022 capital plan cycle.
- The original CHIP budget was established with \$17 million from Empty Homes Tax revenue and \$8 million from the approved multi-year capital budget for Social Housing Infrastructure Grants
- In May 2021 an additional \$2M of EHT funds was allocated towards CHIP, bringing our program total to \$27M.
- CHIP grant applications are done on a rolling basis, rather than an annual call.
- To date Council has approved CHIP grants for 6 projects, totalling nearly \$12M as summarized in the table below.
- In addition to the ~\$5M coming forward in the report on Tuesday, approximately \$20M has been earmarked through Approval In Principle letters for 5 projects at varying stages of application. It is expected that both the affordability levels and unit counts will shift as these projects move through the development review process and, subsequently, the grant amounts to be brought forward on the individual sites will fluctuate. Staff issue these Approval in Principle letters because non-profits need them to secure commitments from other levels of government who want to see what the City may contribute first before they make commitments. It is clear in these letters that these are approvals in principle only and that a final recommendation to Council is subject to the project's projected affordability and achievement of program conditions which, as noted above, sometimes change through discussions with senior government and also through the development review process.
- Staff continue to manage additional enquiries related to new CHIP applications not included in the info above.

Approved CHIP Funding

Project applicant	Address	CHIP grant approved
Lee's Seniors Housing Society	838 East Hastings	\$655,000
Finnish Care Home	2230 Harrison	\$890,000
Salvation Army (Harbour Light)	128 E Cordova	\$910,000
Aboriginal Land Trust	52-92 E Hastings	\$6,255,000
Lu'ma Housing	3819 Boundary	\$270,000

Lookout Housing Society	524-528 Powell	\$2,955,000
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Best,
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