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Good morning Mayor and Council,

The following message provides a brief update on the distribution of provincial funding to support community-based responses to the overdose crisis, including a \$100K grant allocated to the City of Vancouver.

Provincial Funding for Community Action Teams and Community Crisis Innovation

In 2018, the Ministry of Health allocated a total of \$3M in grants divided equally to two funding streams: the Community Action Team Grant program and the Community Crisis Innovation Grant program. Activities funded through both streams are one time and activities need to be completed by August 31, 2019.

Community Action Team Grants: \$1.5M has been allocated to establish Community Action Teams (CATs) across the province that are teams of organizations from multiple sectors that are working to address the overdose crisis. The CAT funding provides one time grants of up to \$100K grants to 18 CATs throughout BC, 4 of which are in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley: Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, and Abbotsford.

The main goals of the Vancouver CAT are to prevent people from using substances alone, raise awareness of the role of drug policy, expand low-barrier opioid distribution pilots, and support the wellbeing of the peer workforce. The City applied for and received a 100k CAT grant for Vancouver and contributed an additional 50k for a total of 150k for the project. The City will act as the designated fiscal agent for the funding. The CAT comprises representatives from approximately 25 organizations involved in abating the crisis and saving lives: people who use drugs, parents whose children have died of overdose deaths, not for profit and advocacy groups, housing providers, researchers, as well as VCH, VPD, VFRS and other City staff. A list of Vancouver CAT members can be found in the attachment. The CAT is co-chaired by the City and VCH, and members will collectively decide on how the funds will be allocated.

Community Crisis Innovation Grants: Supported by the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, this program will award an additional \$1.5M in grants that are to be announced this month.

Vancouver Coastal Health Grants: In addition to the two funding streams above, Vancouver Coastal Health contributed \$270K to top up the applications for the Vancouver Coastal region, which will inform the work of the Vancouver CAT.

Next Steps

The Vancouver CAT met in July and September of 2018 and has finalized membership and terms of reference. It has been an effective venue for all stakeholders to share information and existing resources. Next steps will include hiring a project coordinator and confirming priorities for action.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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Appendix A - Vancouver CAT Members

Organization	Members
Atira	Caithlin Scarpelli, Anne M'mithiaru
BC Association for People on Methadone (BCAPOM)	Al Fowler
BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)	Thomas Venables, Andrew Kang
City of Vancouver	MaryClare Zak
Culture Saves Lives	Patrick Smith, Robert Williams
First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)	Riley David, Delaram Farshad
Lookout	Jana Saskaki, Kier MacDonald
Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)	Yolanda Drost
Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)	Dave Jagpal, Karen Spears
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC)	Colter Long
Moms Stop the Harm (MSTH)	Deb Bailey
Overdose Prevention Sites/PHS Community Services	Ronnie Grig
Portland Hotel Society (PHS) Community Services	Susan Alexman
Providence Crosstown Clinic	Scott MacDonald, David Napio, Lianne Gladue
RainCity Housing (RCH)	Sean Spear
Sister Space/Atira	Janie Picard
Street Saviors	Ryan Vena, Janice Vanderspek
Transit Police	Julien Ponsioen
University of British Columbia (UBC)	Tribesty Nguyen
Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)	Monika Stein, Jennifer Prest, Chris Van Vaeen, Jeremy Kalicum (OER), Rebecca Thomas (OER), Shannon Riley (OER), Reka Gustafson, Mark Lysyshyn, Laurel Jebamani, Elizabeth Holliay
Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU)	Laura Shaver (also BCAPOM), Dave Hamm
Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee	Kevin Wilson, Tyler Moore
Vancouver Police Department (VPD)	Bill Spearn
Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society (WAHRS)	Shelda Kastor, Melissa Steinhauer, Malcolm Tournngeaw