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Subject: FW: grants awarded to existing renter's support services

Attachments: 2019 Social Grants - Tenant Support programs and organizations.docx

Greetings Mayor and Council

Staff received the following question from a Councillor: Can you please advise the total \$\$\$ in grant funding provided to renters support services (I realize a number of these exist in the DTES and the issues facing renters extend beyond those boundaries)

STAFF response:

Attached is a table that shows the 2019 grants that went to organizations with a primary mandate of renters services and advocacy, as well as community groups that do that works as part of their overall mission. So not all of the funding in the attached table was expended on advocacy or services specifically to focused on assisting tenants to maintain their tenancies. With that in mind, I would say that for the 2019 Social Grants, the City invested approximately \$200-\$500K in grant funding towards supporting renter advocacy and support services.

Best

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Tenant Support Organizations/Programs
City of Vancouver Social Grants 2019 (proposed for March 12th Council meeting)

	Organization	2019 CoV Social Grant Funding	Program/Service
Specifically Tenant-Focused			
	Access Pro Bono	\$15,000	Operating in close partnership with housing agencies and advocates throughout Vancouver, the Residential Tenancy program promotes housing affordability and helps keep Vancouver's low-income tenants housed and healthy.
	First United Church	\$25,376	Low-barrier legal advocacy program provides assistance to community members on the Downtown Eastside in accessing EI, pension and/or disability benefits and social assistance, resolving housing, employment and debt issues, and obtaining ID. A Home for Everyone program prevents people from losing their housing and by resolving legal disputes and by connecting people to supports they may need to maintain their housing.
	Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society	\$39,136	Provides free legal services and representation to low-income and marginalized individuals across the Lower Mainland, including routinely assisting tenants in disputes with landlords and represents individuals in the Residential Tenancy Branch. Also represent many homeless individuals facing criminal charges.
	Helping Spirit Lodge Society	\$25,376	Indigenous women's organization - programs include a transitional house, second stage housing, and an employment program
	Seniors' Services Society	\$32,888	Work one-on-one with homeless & at-risk seniors to attain safe, comfortable, affordable and healthy housing.
	Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC)	\$55,996	Promotes the legal protection of Vancouver tenants by providing information, education, support and research on residential tenancy matters.
	West End Seniors' Network	\$20,000	West End Older Adult Housing Support Program supports older adults to secure and maintain appropriate and affordable local housing, and prevent homelessness.
SUBTOTAL		\$213,772	
Tenant Supports as Part of Overall Work			
	Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society – The Link	\$35,444	Offers youth from foster care the tools, resources and supportive community necessary to help them secure housing, increase their quality of life, and achieve their goals.
	First Funds Society – Aboriginal Youth Mentorship & Housing Program	\$30,000	Provides Indigenous youth with mentorship, housing supports and basic life skills in their transition from foster care to adulthood.
	Immigrant Services Society (ISS) "Storefront Orientation Services" (SOS)	\$137,082	Facilitates the service coordination, pre-settlement and housing support of refugee claimants in Vancouver.
	Pacific Community Resources Society – Broadway Youth Resource Centre	\$93,660	Wraparound youth service program in Midtown Vancouver. Provides a variety of social, housing, education and health supports to youth ages 13-24 experiencing vulnerabilities and marginalization.
SUBTOTAL		\$296,186	
TOTAL		\$505,958	