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Date: 12/19/2023 12:00:54 PM
Subject: RE: Federal Announcement

Mayor and Council,

Further to my last message, the attached one-page overview provides a summary of the actions that comprised HAF program submission. <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/haf-action-plan-handout.pdf>

Best,
Paul

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Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 11:15 AM
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Subject: RE: Federal Announcement

Good morning Mayor and Council,

In response to Councillor Kirby-Yung's question below, I am writing to share some additional background and messaging regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund grant and eligible expenditures.

HAF Funding:

The City and CMHC have reached an agreement that will see \$115 million in Federal contributions over the next 4 years. The funding will come in four installments.

- Received November 2023 - \$28.75 M
- Anticipated November 2024 - \$28.75 M if the City is on track with HAF initiative milestones
- Anticipated November 2025 - \$28.75 M if the City is on track with HAF initiative milestones
- Anticipated November 2026 - \$28.75 if the City has achieved Housing Target and is on track with HAF initiative milestones

All HAF funding must be spent by November 2027.

HAF Eligible Expenditures:

The HAF outlines eligible expenditures in the following categories.

1. HAF Action Plans funding can be allocated to undertake HAF initiatives. Examples of eligible COV initiatives include (but are not limited to):
 - Support for Permit Improvement Process and Digital Transformation program
 - Unlocking Non-market Housing capital contributions to unstick social housing projects
 - Funding to support planning/zoning initiatives to enable increased housing supply (Villages, high density pre-zoning, etc.)
2. Affordable Housing
 - Contributions towards construction of affordable housing
 - Repair or modernization of affordable housing
 - Land or building acquisition for affordable housing

3. Housing-related Infrastructure

- Drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and solid waste management
- Public transit
- Community energy systems
- Disaster mitigation
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Broadband and connectivity
- Site preparation for housing developments

4. Community-related Infrastructure that supports Housing

- Local roads and bridges
- Sidewalks, lighting, bicycle lanes
- Firehalls
- Landscaping and green space

HAF Allocations:

Staff are assessing HAF funding allocations on the basis of the following criteria.

1. Avoid creating future unfunded obligations for City
 - Allocate funds to projects/programs that can be scaled back if full funding is not received
 - Allocated to time-limited projects/programs that match HAF timelines without creating future commitments
2. Consider value for money when prioritizing allocations
 - Fund projects/programs that help meet HAF milestones and targets
3. Seek opportunities to fund announcement worthy projects with the goal of encouraging HAF program extensions

We will be reporting back to Council in the New Year with recommended allocation of the November 2023 grant amount. For this first tranche of funding, our recommendations will focus on expenditures in the first category list above (i.e. HAF Action Plans) as these investments are required in order for the City to deliver on the outcomes required for future funding phases.

If you have any additional questions at this point, please let me know.

Best,
Paul

From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:39 AM
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Subject: Federal Announcement

Hello Paul and Armin,

Can Council get a primer on the HAF announcement please in terms of what the funding can be used for, what we would anticipate allocating it to conceptually, and what that process and timeline looks like.

If that takes a bit of time for staff to articulate, in the short term, can we get a few bullets or key messages please of what the HAF finding is for? Would be very helpful to be able respond to questions we are getting about general application of the funds.

Asking as it's helpful for us all to be consistent and accurate.

Thanks very much,

Sarah

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