Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 21, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 18 Housing Activity Report – 2020 First Quarter (January 1 to March 31) to 2020 Fourth Quarter (October 1 to December 31)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee's 2020 First Quarter (January 1 to March 31), Second Quarter (April 1 to June 31), Third Quarter (July 1 to September 30) and Fourth Quarter (October 1 to December 31) Housing Activity Reports.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee be concurred in.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 1, 2021, the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the 2020 First Quarter (January 1 to March 31), Second Quarter (April 1 to June 31), Third Quarter (July 1 to September 30) and Fourth Quarter (October 1 to December 31) Housing Activity Reports be received as information.

Housing Activity Report to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee

Urban Planning and Design Division

2020 Quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4

Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Twelve new projects were approved by the Director of the Planning, Property and Development Department for a total of $601,000 from the HRIR fiscal budget and slippage from previous years.

Number of Approved Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve Grants by Type:

Grant Programs	**Number of Applications**	**Amount ($)**
Housing Coordination: • West Broadway Community Organization • Centennial Community Improvement Association • Spence Neighbourhood Association	3	$121,000
Indigenous Renovations: • KeKiNan Centre Inc. • Kinew Housing Inc. • Kanata Housing Corp.	3	$150,000
Capacity Building: • William Whyte	1	$10,000
Exterior Repair Programs: • Centennial Community Improvement Association • North End Revitalization Inc. • Spence Neighbourhood Association • West Broadway Community Organization	4	$285,000
Construction (191 Watt St.): • End Homelessness Winnipeg	1	$35,000
TOTAL	**12**	**$601,000**

Minimum Home Repair Program

- Program has paused due to limited resources

Year in Review

2020 was an unusual year for the Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve due to COVID-19. Many of our housing providers struggled with the challenges of how to communicate with residents without face-to-face communication. Adaptations were made to accommodate distancing requirements. It's been encouraging to see program providers innovate their program designs to become more technological using Zoom/Teams, emails, and other online tools for outreach.

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