



**Poverty and Homelessness
Action Team - Central Okanagan**
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Mayor Sharon Shepherd and Members of Council
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
Kelowna BC V1Y 1J4

Your Worship and Members of Council:

Re: Support for Kelowna's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Thanks in no small part to the impetus created by your November 2007 *Event to End Homelessness*, the development of Kelowna's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness is now well underway. The initial research and planning phase is complete and the plan's framework is being finalized by the Kelowna Committee to End Homelessness and the consultant team.

Initial funding from Service Canada, BC Housing and a private contribution have made it possible to initiate the planning process and complete this important first phase. The City of Kelowna has also been generous with advice and with in-kind web support for the community affordability survey – a key component of both the research and community consultation phases of this important project.

In order for this process to reflect best practices and be truly community-driven, the Committee has requested that funding be sought to expand the community consultation component and to invest additional research and consultation time in the development of the plan. The addition of a transitional phase to implementation must also be included.

This is an opportunity for the City of Kelowna to reaffirm its commitment to the Ten-Year Plan and to demonstrate its support for the community initiative that is currently underway. The City of Kelowna is a key stakeholder in this undertaking and an essential participant in the success of the plan.

On behalf of the Kelowna Committee to End Homelessness, we are making this request to the City of Kelowna for a contribution of \$17,000 to support the development of the plan and to represent the City's commitment to its successful completion and implementation. We believe that like other local governments in Canadian communities where similar plans have been undertaken, the City of Kelowna will want to be seen to be an active and willing supporter of this critical process.

We would be happy to provide any additional information you might require.

Yours very truly,

Jennifer Charles
Co-Chair, Kelowna Committee to
End Homelessness

Ian Graham
Chair, Poverty and Homelessness Action
Team-Central Okanagan

Attachment: Budget

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Budget

Revenue

Private Donor*	\$35,000	
BC Housing*	25,000	
Homelessness Partnership*	15,000	
City of Kelowna	17,000	
Regional District of Central Okanagan	8,000	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$100,000

Expenses

Consultant contract	\$64,800	
Affordability Survey	10,000	
Administrative Assistant	8,000	
Executive support (RFP, contracts, fund development, advertising	5,800	
Host agency administration	4,000	
Communication, printing, distribution	3,000	
Travel	3,000	
Chair expenses	1,400	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$100,000

* Funding confirmed