

# ATTACHMENT A



March 19, 2019

Funding Request to the City of Nanaimo  
Attn. John Horn, Social Planner

## Background

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For the past eleven years, the City of Nanaimo has supported the Unitarian Shelter, designating up to \$45,000 to fund 'non extreme weather' nights from November 1 – March 31.

In July 2018, BC Housing contracted with the Shelter to provide Emergency Shelter level funding for an additional summer season (July 4, 2018 to March 31, 2019). During that period, thanks to \$7,800 from the City, we were able to extend our hours, involve more volunteers in social interaction activities with our clients, and add services.

**BC Housing has now extended the contract to March 31, 2020**, providing core funds for every night of operation, not just those deemed 'Extreme Weather'. This means that we will be able to remain open for continuous service for the next year.

To supplement this funding for the next calendar year, and to allow us to extend our hours by at least one hour each evening and morning, we are requesting a grant from the City of Nanaimo for \$20,000. This will help provide for continued opportunities to expand programming and supports to our guests and added social engagement with members of our community, and occasionally pay modest honoraria\* to presenters.

During the next year we are considering offering a variety of activities, including:

- Income Tax preparation clinic
- Foot care\* and other health and hygiene support
- Urban Art workshop\*
- Storytelling\*
- Onsite access to Ministry of Social Development and Policy staff re pension entitlement and application.
- Job Search skills and resources
- Writing workshop\*

## BUDGET

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- One hour extension evening and morning x 2 staff members  
= 4 hours per day @20ph (staff wages and MERCS)  
= 1,440 hours \$29,200
  - Honoraria for activity presenters: 12 x \$100 \$ 2,200
- \$31,400

### Revenue

<b>This request</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>City of Nanaimo</b>
	\$11,400	Shelter reserves
		& fundraising
	<u>\$31,400</u>	

## CONCLUSION

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The Unitarian Shelter of Nanaimo requests a grant of \$20,000 for the 2018/2019 season (April 1 2018 to March 31 2019) to allow us to extend hours and provide expanded services to our clients, reflecting the City's goal of providing more daytime support to the homeless of our community.

**Thank you for considering this request.**

Executive Director