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Coalition Applauds Housing Trust Fund's Affordable Housing Grants

VICTORIA, BC, February 11, 2015 – The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (Coalition) applauds the actions of the CRD's Regional Housing Trust Fund for granting \$2,385,000 to build 191 affordable rental housing units in the region.

“Lack of affordable housing is a key driver of homelessness in Greater Victoria,” says Andrew Wynn-Williams, Executive Director of the Coalition. “With current vacancy rates there are only about 60 units of \$700 or less available at any one time. This makes it almost impossible for people at-risk of homelessness to find suitable, affordable housing.”

“The CRD has been a key partner in ending homelessness in the region,” says Gordon Gunn, co-chair of the Coalition. “This latest announcement from the Housing Trust Fund is a reflection of their continuing leadership and commitment to making housing affordable in our community.”

Two of the projects receiving the funding are part of the Coalition's [Priority Housing Project List](#). Rosalie's Village in Saanich and Wilson's Walk in Victoria have both been identified by the Coalition as projects that will meet key areas of need in the Capital Region.

The [Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness](#) is a partnership of local service providers, non-profit organizations, all levels of government, and the business, post-secondary and faith communities. The Coalition's mission is to end homelessness in Greater Victoria by 2018.

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