



October 16, 2019

Ian Thorpe, Board Chair
Board of Directors
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Dear Mr. Thorpe,

**RE: OCEANSIDE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
RURAL AND REMOTE HOMELESSNESS – REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF
FUNDING APPLICATION**

Since the inception of the Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness (OTFH) in 2010, the Regional District of Nanaimo has been supportive of the work of the Task Force and the RDN Board liaisons have been significant contributors to the success of this collaborative effort.

Currently the Task Force, through District 69 Society of Organized Services (SOS), is in the process of applying for “*Rural and Remote Homelessness – Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy*” project funding from the Federal Government. Since 2013, the Task Force has accessed this federal funding to support local homeless.

We respectfully request that the RDN Board once again consider endorsing this funding application to enable the Task Force to continue to support local homeless, and at risk of homelessness, residents. This funding opportunity provides supports for homeless individuals, who are being housed, possibly for the first time in many years, and include food, furniture, supplies, damage/pet deposits, and help with other barriers to housing.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Susanna Newton
Executive Director