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Dear Joseph Fernandez:

On December 21, 2023, we notified you about the amount of funding your local government will be receiving from the \$51 million Local Government Housing Initiatives funding program. I am pleased to confirm that your allocation will be directly transferred to your local government in the next couple of weeks.

This funding is intended to support and supplement local government activities and projects to meet the new legislative requirements arising from Bills 44, 46, and 47. Attached is the Local Government Housing Initiatives Funding Program Scope and Guidelines. This program guide sets out eligible projects, eligible use of the funds, grant management and annual reporting requirements. The funding must be spent on eligible costs and activities.

The Province expects local governments to use this funding prior to December 31, 2025, by which time all local governments in British Columbia will be required to meet the new legislative requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the legislative changes or funding program, please contact Ministry of Housing staff at PLUM@gov.bc.ca or 250-387-3394.

Yours truly,

Bindi Sawchuk
Assistant Deputy Minister
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