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Dear Joseph Fernandez:

I am writing to notify you of the funding allocation for the Town of Lake Cowichan from the \$51 million capacity funding for local government implementation of the legislative changes to support housing initiatives, including small-scale multi-unit housing and proactive planning, development finance, and transit-oriented development.

The Town of Lake Cowichan will receive \$166,195 by the end of January 2024.

The funding formula reflects the different legislative requirements for municipalities and regional districts, and that smaller communities may need more financial assistance because they have fewer resources.

The funding formula includes a base amount and a per-capita amount (based on BC Stats 2023 estimates).

- For municipalities, the base amount is \$150,000, and the per-capita amount is \$4.39.
- For regional districts, the base amount is \$80,000 and the per capita amount is \$5.80.

This funding is intended to support activities or projects local governments must undertake to meet the new legislative requirements. Examples include updates to an existing zoning bylaw, parking bylaw, Official Community Plan (OCP), Official Development Plan (ODP), Development Cost Charge (DCC) bylaw, Development Cost Levy (DCL) or

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Housing Needs Report (HNR), as well as the development of a new zoning bylaw, OCP, ODP, DCC, DCL or new amenity cost charge (ACC) bylaw. This funding can also be used to hire staff and/or consultants in support of these activities. More specific information on eligible projects, eligible project costs as well as the reporting requirements will be provided in the funding guidelines when the funding is distributed.

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

Yours truly,



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