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February 13, 2020

**Attn: Grant Review Committee** 

Re: 2020 UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group in support of the cities of Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, and the Village of Anmore in their joint application for the 2020 Poverty Reduction Plans & Assessments grant. Poverty and food security are important determinants of health that require systems planning and cross-sector action. The cities of Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and the Village of Anmore recognize the need for collaborative partnerships and comprehensive food system analysis to improve food security in this region.

For many years, the Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group has been pivotal in supporting our communities in a variety of ways. Although our main focus is getting people off the street, we also work in support of those families who are on the brink of homelessness. We strongly support the need for a comprehensive food system analysis and the development of a localized strategic action plan to improve food security.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration,

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