



**United Way**  
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## **More funding Announced for Housing the Homeless in Duncan**

**Duncan, BC** – August 16, 2016 – United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island (UWCNVI), in partnership with the Duncan Community Advisory Board, are pleased to announce that Duncan will receive an additional \$152,582 in funding provided over two years (2016/2017 and 2017/2018) by the Government of Canada’s Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) program.

United Way will manage the funds, and work with the Tze Tza Watul Community Advisory Board on how to best distribute the funds.

A call for proposals for new Duncan Aboriginal funding support services projects is posted on United Way’s website. Projects include a Point-in-Time Count, Community Plan research and creation and support services. For funding and eligibility requirements, visit [uwcnavi.ca](http://uwcnavi.ca).

Service Canada announced the additional funding in June, which will build on the program’s five-year investment (2014-2019). The funds will be distributed in September with new projects helping the homeless starting in the fall.

“The Government of Canada is pleased to support noteworthy projects conducted by organizations like United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island,” said the Honorable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. “Every segment of our society must be treated with dignity and respect and be given the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. The face of homelessness is changing and the government recognizes the need to provide adequate support to communities to build capacity to help homeless population’s lead valuable lives.”

“United Way is currently funding the Duncan Aboriginal Hiiye ‘yu Lelum Society through the Government of Canada’s HPS for the much needed hot breakfast program and access to laundry facilities and showers for individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness,” said Signy Madden, Executive Director of UWCNVI.

“There is a high number of chronic homeless individuals in Duncan and more services are needed. This additional funding will help service providers and funders get a better handle on the number through Point-in-Time counts and develop a plan to collaboratively help the homeless more effectively.”

United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island’s goal is to create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community. Funds are raised and distributed to credible programs that help tackle social issues in our community, such as homelessness.

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