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Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Green Municipal Fund 24 Clarence Street Ottawa ON K1N 5P3

To whom it may concern:

RE: GMF STUDY GRANT APPLICATION - 1663 GEORGIA VIEW ROAD, GALIANO ISLAND, BC

This letter is to provide our support for the Gulf Island Galisle Affordable Rental Housing Society (GIGARHS) in their application to the Green Municipal Fund's Study Grant program. GIGARHS's project at 1663 Georgia View Road will provide 12 units of much-needed affordable housing on Galiano Island with the goal of minimizing the impact on our environment.

The Capital Regional District is the local government that aims to be a leader in sustainability across all fronts. The proposed project at 1663 Georgia View Road aligns with many of our sustainability and development goals within the region. The proposal to renovate existing cabins to be Net-Zero Energy Ready (NZER) buildings will provide secured, below-market rentals aligning with both our commitments to Climate Action and affordable housing.

The project has successfully rezoned a piece of land and will soon achieve subdivision and title to the land. With title to the land and with the Study Grant funding from GMF, GIGARHS will be able to advance the project to be construction-ready and seek out capital funding.

We strongly support the GIGARHS's application for a Study Grant through the Green Municipal Fund and hopes that this funding allows GIGARHS to proceed with a highly energy-efficient project that will provide below-market secured rental housing.

Best regards,

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