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**RE: Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative - 2008 Pilot Project
Grant Recipients**

The Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative (SHSI) pilot project program is designed to support projects that provide innovative responses to challenges in the provision of housing, transportation, and social services to seniors wishing to age in place. In 2008, funding was also available for Age-Friendly projects.

To date, 52 pilot projects have been funded in more than 40 communities throughout the province.

The Union of BC Municipalities is pleased to announce that 21 communities have received SHSI grants for 2008 pilot projects. A complete list of these communities, and a description of the approved pilot projects, is attached.

For more information the 2008 SHSI, please visit UBCM's website. Information can be found at under 'Programs and Services' – 'Local Government Program Services' – 'Seniors Housing.'

If you have any questions, please contact Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, at (250) 356-5134 or dwelch@civicnet.bc.ca.

Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative 2008 Pilot Project Grant Recipients

1. **District of 100 Mile House** – Produce safety brochure for seniors on all aspects of community safety. \$9,900.
2. **District of 100 Mile House with Canim Lake Band** – Develop bathing program for seniors with disabilities and chronic health needs on Canim Lake reserve. \$22,600.
3. **City of Abbotsford** – Develop *Seniors Transportation Initiative* including bus buddies, medical transportation, adopt-a-spot, and model bus stops. \$35,000.
4. **District of Barriere** – Initiate *Seniors in Bloom* community garden program. \$35,000.
5. **Municipality of Bowen Island** – Provide an on-call transportation service for seniors. \$35,000.
6. **City of Burnaby** - Develop and deliver *Health Literacy Workshops* and seminars at 4 seniors' centres to assist older adults maintain independent lifestyle. \$35,000.
7. **Regional District of Central Kootenay** – Initiate *Seniors Fitness* pilot project. \$34,661.50
8. **City of Chilliwack** – Create an *Age-Friendly Plan*. \$35,000.
9. **Town of Creston** – Undertake *Seniors' Perspective on the Creston Valley* project. \$35,000.
10. **District of Kitimat** – Provide a *Seniors Outreach Coordinator*. \$35,000.
11. **City of New Westminster** - Develop a database of seniors' programs and services, prepare public information materials, hold information fairs and launch communication campaign. \$35,000.
12. **Village of Pemberton** – Initiate the *ElderGo!* Seniors transportation pilot project. \$35,000.
13. **City of Penticton** – Undertake the *Seniors' Community Development and Programming* pilot project. \$35,000.
14. **City of Port Moody** – Develop the *Where Minds Meet* reception centre for intellectual activities for older adults. \$30,000.
15. **City of Prince George** - Create a *Seniors Housing Strategy* for the City of Prince George. \$25,000.
16. **City of Richmond** - Plan and facilitate *Transitional Therapeutic Recreation Services* for recently hospitalized, isolated and frail seniors. \$34,770.40
17. **Sunshine Coast Regional District** – Implement the *Civic Leadership Program* for seniors on the Sunshine Coast. \$31,800.
18. **City of Vancouver** - Identify and develop strategies for Neighbourhood Houses to address current seniors' issues. \$35,000.
19. **City of Victoria** – Develop and deliver the *Senior Friendly Employment Project*. \$35,000.
20. **Village of Warfield** – Develop the *Warfield Senior Services Initiative* including senior's drop in centre, Home Safety Check program, exercise classes and healthy eating cooking groups. \$20,000.
21. **City of Williams Lake** – Offer the *Senior's Sampler* to allow senior population to try out different physical activities in a safe, non-threatening environment. \$35,000.