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Good morning,

Please find attached a letter from the City of Langford Council providing support for funding of the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Crime Reduction & Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program in association with Greater Victoria's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST).

Thank you,

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2024/02/06

The Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Dear Deputy Premier Farnworth,

**RE: Funding for Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Crime Reduction & Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program in association with Greater Victoria's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST)**

The City of Langford Council would like to express their gratitude to you and your staff for securing funding to enable another year of essential work by the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Crime Reduction & Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program in association with Greater Victoria's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST).

We would like to echo advocacy letters by re-stating the following:

- Critical need for stable, long-term funding for CRED/MYST
- The extension of MYST police officer postings to five years given the extended period required for officers to deliver the unique skills required to work with vulnerable youth; and
- The creation of two additional CRED/MYST teams in Greater Victoria to deal with the rising case load.

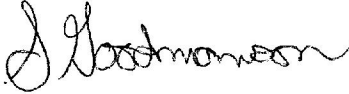
CRED's Mia Golden and her MYST partner, Constable Gord Magee from the Victoria Police Department are the only two-person CRED/MYST team in the region, and the pair continue to handle 150+ active case files involving children and teenagers at severe risk of exploitation, homelessness, sexualized violence, drug addiction and gang recruitment.

At the October 26, 2023 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting, Ms. Golden noted that gang representatives from the lower mainland continue to recruit new members in Greater Victoria. Further, she noted that violence on our streets is rising and online exploitation is increasingly normalized.

The City of Langford recognizes the complexity of these issues and is appreciative of the response by all orders of government, your Ministry and the Greater Victoria Integrated Police Units. We wish to advocate for the CRED/MYST service's continuation and expansion. The heavy case load, work required with parents and families, and critical intervention needed

within the schooling system would benefit from additional support in the form of another CRED/MYST team bringing the total to three. This would allow for a round-the-clock effort to be made intervening and preventing these dangerous situations.

Sincerely,



Mayor Scott Goodman  
City of Langford

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