

Tasha Buchanan

From: Colleen Hannigan
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Tasha Buchanan; Mayor
Subject: Fwd: Community Housing Fund Request for Proposals (Ref: 254635)

For Council Correspondence for action.

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Date: May 22, 2020 8:04 p.m.
Subject: Community Housing Fund Request for Proposals (Ref: 254635)
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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of MLA Milobar, I am sharing the following information from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Housing Fund, as your organization may be interested in participating.

BC Housing will issue the Request for Proposals on May 27, 2020, and it will be open until mid-January 2021, giving proponents time to prepare their submissions. While the RFP will be open until mid-January, BC Housing will proceed with pre-allocation to successful proponents as early as September 2020. For more information, please visit <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/funding-opportunities>.

In addition to the Community Housing Fund RFP, there are other ongoing opportunities available to partner with BC Housing:

- **Building BC funds:** BC Housing welcomes discussions with partners interested in developing new housing through the Supportive Housing Fund and the Women's Transition Housing Fund. Visit <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services> to learn more.
- **Major Repairs for Existing Social Housing:** The Province is providing \$1.1 billion over 10 years to non-profit housing providers and housing co-operatives to support capital projects that maintain or benefit an existing social housing building's condition or improve the building's seismic or fire safety, as well as for projects focused on energy performance. Visit <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/asset-management-redeveopment/capital-planning-repairs> to learn more.
- **HousingHub** was established to seek innovative partnerships with local housing organizations, community land trusts, Indigenous groups, faith-based groups, charities, the development community, financial institutions and other industries to create affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income British Columbians. As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites. Partners bring suitable land, equity and/or the catalyst for development. The HousingHub can provide:
 - Expertise and assistance in the planning and development process
 - Access to pre-development funding
 - Low-cost financing
 - Project co-ordination advice

- A place for organizations to collaborate

To learn more, visit: www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub

Many thanks,
Andrea



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From: Jack Keough <Jack.k@yellowheadcs.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:12 PM
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Subject: Barriere Affordable Housing

Hi Tasha,

As you are aware the Province of BC has recently announced it's latest call for proposals for affordable housing projects. I'm writing to give you an update on our efforts to date and to advise that it is still our intention to make a submission in response to this call.

I spoke to Ward earlier this week and gave him a verbal update which included the following:

- Phone call and email to Colleen several weeks ago requesting site details be forwarded to our consultant to allow him to determine the scope of the project (number and range of units)
- Atcorr Consultants has been asked to prepare a proforma based on the number of units and utilizing the current BCH funding formula
- Letter from Simpcw has been received supporting the project.
- Request has been made to architect for a visual rendering.
- We will be in touch with BCH in the near future to discuss details of development and specifically the possibility of YCS operating programs out of this building. We have had this discussion already and we were advised that funding for a proposed daycare would involve MCFD Childcare funding and YCS would need to finance it portion of the building.
- We anticipate making a submission to BCH by September which is within the time frames set out by BCH. As Mayor Stamer and I discussed it is likely that a decision by BCH would not occur until 2021. There may be some announcements of projects this fall but in all likelihood these proposals are currently in the queue and are shelf ready.

In preparation for our submission we would need a copy of the housing needs assessment that was recently completed. We will/have been conducting our own survey internal to our staff and client base as well as engaging with other community stakeholders. This, as well as community profile data will form the basis of our submission.

As we proceed the challenging aspect of this project remains identifying a suitable site. One of the properties that we had identified was sold earlier this year and another property we considered was deemed to be inappropriate given its' location on the west side of the highway. The property we are using for the purpose of this proposal is the location owned by the District of Barriere(former HY Louie bldg.)

As we proceed we will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Thanks,
Jack