

Request for Expression of Interest

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation EOI# HN01-20

This expression of interest (EOI) is seeking a third party housing agency who, through a partnership with Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC), will house individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are in need of a supportive living environment in order to be successful.

Robinson Manor will be used for this purpose. Located at 126 Avenue W South in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood of Saskatoon, Robinson Manor is a four storey walk-up apartment consisting of 23 two-bedroom units and a single one-bedroom unit.

The project must create an environment that ensures the safety and security of clients and staff, and residential supports need to be culturally responsive, acknowledging the diversity of the population and client needs. A minimum of 18 units must be used to house eligible tenants. A maximum of six units may be used to house supports and office space.

SHC will maintain ownership of the project and take on the responsibility of Modernization and Improvement (M & I) as it relates to the project.

The collection of rent payment, operation and day to day maintenance will be outlined in an agreement between SHC and the successful third party agency.

The EOI is part of a competitive selection process undertaken by SHC to ensure that the most appropriate, viable, and cost-effective EOI is identified. Through this EOI several third party agencies will be invited to submit a more complete proposal resulting in a proposal review process.

Your EOI will demonstrate:

- How you intend to provide property management and support services that are beneficial to the tenants of this project at affordable rent levels for the tenant;
- How you plan to successfully transition tenants into the project;
- How the support services are intended to assist tenants achieve and maintain stability and success in housing;
- How you will foster access to community-based supports and services which help individuals build self-reliance and resilience; and
- How you will work to increase the capacity of tenants to live independently with minimal supports or to transition to living independently.

SHC's role in the delivery of this EOI includes:

- Review and selection of the EOI's in accordance with this EOI and current objectives and government strategies; and
- Provide due diligence throughout the transfer and the term of the lease with the third party agency.

Eligible housing agencies include:

- The community housing sector (e.g. non-profit housing corporation under the Corporations Act), Indigenous Governments and Organizations (including First Nations Bands, Tribal Councils and Métis organizations);
- Proponents must:
 - Be registered in Saskatchewan, and in good standing with Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) and the Government of Saskatchewan;
 - Be registered as a non-profit corporation in the province of Saskatchewan;
 - Demonstrate they support the intended community or household;
 - Have demonstrated property management experience;
 - Have the experience and resources to deliver proposed services;
 - Practice good governance and have the financial and leadership capacity to ensure the long-term viability of the project.
- National non-profits not registered in Saskatchewan may also be eligible.

Eligible housing agencies submitting an EOI are encouraged to examine innovative funding options to support proposed tenants with programs or services and ensure the long-term financial viability of the proposed project.

Rents must be affordable to the targeted tenants.

Evidence of need and demand must accompany each proposal. Current or applicable information would be considered as wait lists and recent homeless point in time counts.

Please contact SHC well before the closing date if requiring assistance to access appropriate information.

SHC will evaluate proposals based on the criteria set out in this EOI to select the proposal, as determined by SHC in its sole discretion. SHC has not pre-assigned any specific weighting to the rated criteria.

SHC will contact shortlisted proponents to complete a more detailed proposal for consideration.

HOW TO APPLY:

The Expression of Interest must be received no later than July 17, 2020.

Digital emailed copies are required; paper copies are optional. Contact information for delivery method is listed below. Only information delivered via RDP@gov.sk.ca will be considered.

The EOI is to include the following, if available, and be a **maximum of two pages**:

- Current and project community need including waitlists;
- Organizational information including contact information, capacity to undertake proposed project and experience;
- Property management experience and plan;
- A detailed intake plan to successfully transition new tenants into the project;
- A partnership plan to assist people in transitioning to living independently;
- Proposed tenant and support service requirements;
- Rental levels and affordability;
- Supports to be provided to the tenants and how they are funded;
- Community collaboration.

A current profile report should be attached.

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