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Cameron Gray
Director, Housing Centre
City of Vancouver Community Services
#100 - 515 West 10th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Gray,

Re: Taylor Manor - Conversion to Supportive Housing for Seniors

Little Mountain Residential Care and Housing Society (Little Mountain) seeks approval from the City of Vancouver to submit Taylor Manor for funding through the Province's Independent Living BC program. Our intent is to renovate the building for 23 units of supportive housing to serve seniors with low incomes who require personal care services, and to operate the building in conjunction with Adanac Park Lodge (851 Boundary Rd.).

Little Mountain, established in 1983, has a Mission to provide accommodation and holistic care for those who are aged, infirm and/or disabled. In the spirit of compassion and with respect for diversity, it serves the needs of residents in the City of Vancouver. It owns and operates three facilities: Adanac Park Lodge, opened in March 2000, is a 72-bed multi-level care facility; Little Mountain Place, 330 East 36th Avenue, opened in April 1987, is a 117-bed intermediate care facility, including a 26-bed special care unit for residents suffering from Alzheimer's Disease; and, Little Mountain Court, 250 East 36th Avenue, opened in 1988, comprises 96 self-contained suites that serves the independent housing needs of residents 55 years and older, and for handicapped individuals of any age.

The preliminary capital budget for the renovation is estimated to be \$2.14 Million, of which the heritage conservation measures are expected to cost \$600,000. Little Mountain proposes that the City contribute a capital grant of \$300,000 and that it commit to raising an equal amount (\$300,000) to help offset the conservation costs. From its' discussions with community foundations, the Society believes that this goal is achievable, and it should also make the project viable from BC Housing's and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's perspective.

The Board of Little Mountain Residential Care and Housing Society is excited at the prospect of extending its services to seniors needing both healthcare and housing in the City of Vancouver. In particular, it perceives that the opportunity to create a "campus of care", with Taylor Manor and Adanac Park Lodge, and the potential synergy from sharing services between the two buildings is the highest and best use for Taylor Manor, and builds on Little Mountain's experience in delivering services to independent seniors and those needing higher levels of care. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Vancouver on turning this proposal into a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Johnston

President of the Board

Little Mountain Residential Care and Housing Society

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"Compassion for the needs of others, especially those whom it would be very easy to neglect."