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Cameron Gray
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Dear Cameron Gray

Request for Support: Putting People Into Partnerships for Housing

The Lower Mainland Network for Affordable Housing is a network focused on promoting good affordable housing and its future development, and concerned with the building of partnerships to ensure a sustainable supply of low cost and special needs housing. The Network is currently in the midst of developing a website to profile its members and offer access to related affordable housing research or development opportunities. We wish to promote partnerships in the development of housing alternatives that consider the perspective of people who need adequate, affordable, accessible housing and the work of those currently providing such housing.

With the support of Western Diversification Canada, VanCity Savings Credit Union and BC Housing, the website and its launch are part of a project entitled "Putting People Into Partnerships for Housing". This is a request for further financial support for this project consisting of:

- A speakers/workshop series to encourage the development of affordable housing that responds to the needs and perspectives of people who use it.
- An accessible website which will provide profiles of network participants, their work as housing providers and further links to housing information.

The goal is to be accessible to those in search of housing information, to provide some background on the types of housing and groups that are meeting special needs and also to engage and educate the public and the development community regarding some of the critical housing and affordability issues and opportunities as we approach 2010. We are planning a forum to launch and promote the website to take place in March 2004.

The new website will provide information and/or links for those wishing to get involved as housing providers, consumers, researchers, developers or contributors of time, funds, energy or interest. Participants and supporters of the Network will each have a page to describe their own housing work and to provide links to other sites or related information.

We hope to engage public discussion in meeting current and future needs and to strengthen the partnerships that already exist in housing to meet identified needs in a sustainable way. We want to keep the Network and its members in touch with each other and to strengthen partnerships with other sectors in meeting housing goals over the next several years. Members of the Network feel it is imperative to engage real discussion about the lives and housing needs of low income households and especially in a high pressure market, to find ways to work together - government, industry and people in communities - and to build on the existing expertise of the non-profit housing sector in meeting these real and specific needs.

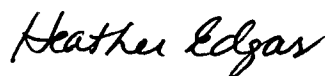
We have enjoyed the City's participation at Network meetings for many years and would welcome the participation and support of the City of Vancouver and the Housing Centre in the realisation of this project. In addition, we request your financial support in the amount of \$5,000 to allow for a match in federal funding. As Western Diversification cannot consider in-kind contributions, the project needs full funding commitments to proceed. Support in the amount of \$5,000 would be most appreciated bringing the project total to \$40,000 (see budget attached). Please note, as in the past, Coast Foundation Society will be administering funds on behalf of the Lower Mainland Network.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this project or the website or to provide any additional information at your request. Wishing you the best of the season and a happy and productive new year.

Yours truly,



Leslie Stern, for the
Lower Mainland Network for Affordable Housing



Heather Edgar, for the
Lower Mainland Network & Coast Foundation Society

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Project Budget

Deliverables

Web-site with 25 Network Profiles up and launched by March 25th
 Three Public Involvement/Speakers/Workshop/Planning Events
 Issues Discussion and Recommendations for Action

Revenue			
Western Diversification Canada			\$20,000.00
VanCity Savings Credit Union			\$10,000.00
BC Housing			\$ 5,000.00
City of Vancouver or Network			\$ 5,000.00
Total Revenue			\$40,000.00

Expenditures	Western Diversification	Other Funders	Project Total
Project Coordination – Contract	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
Web Design & Development	\$7,500		\$7,500
Communications, P.R., Launch	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Administration	\$1,000	\$ 500	\$1,500
Office Expense: Paper & Postage 600			
Copies, Printing 800			
Office Rent & Equipment 1200			
Travel & Meeting Expenses 400			
Total Expenses 3000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Domain, connections, edits, up-dates, training	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Speakers, Facilitators		\$4,500	\$4,500
Venues, Meeting Costs		\$3,500	\$3,500
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000

*In kind donations include meeting space for the network, project planning and support from members
 Once up and running network members will be asked to contribute to up-keep of web-site.*