

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Development of Housing for Vulnerable Populations

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As part of its current Housing Plan, the Manitoba government has made a public commitment to support the development of 500 new social housing units and 500 new affordable housing units. To assist in achieving this goal, Manitoba Housing has recently released a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) to identify those who are interested in partnering to develop rental housing units for vulnerable Manitobans.

Vulnerable individuals or families are generally of low-income, have multiple barriers to finding and keeping housing, and may require supports to secure and maintain stable, long-term housing. Proponents must offer, either directly or through a partner service provider, services and/or supports to assist the client group to achieve tenancy success.

Through the REOI Manitoba Housing is targeting the development of approximately 80 new rent-geared-to-income housing units for vulnerable individuals or families.

The REOI is the first step of a two step selection process. Once the review of submitted expressions of interest is complete, Manitoba Housing plans to proceed to a Request for Proposals (RFP) stage and request detailed proposals from those proponents who have expressed a project interest and with whom Manitoba Housing wishes to further explore project development opportunities.

Manitoba Housing is prepared to provide financial assistance toward eligible capital costs to create the new housing units. Manitoba Housing will require ownership of the project to the extent of its capital investment and successful proponents will be expected to enter into a Development Agreement for project development, as well as a Sponsor Management Agreement for the long-term operation of the project with Manitoba Housing.

A copy of the REOI document and related information are available online at <http://www.manitoba.ca/housing/mh/progs/vhrei.html>

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