



At^lohsa

Native Family Healing Services Inc.

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City of London
Housing Division
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Attention: Louise Stevens
Director of Municipal Housing

**Re: Renovation-Rehabilitation Funding
343 Richmond Street, London**

Dear Ms. Stevens,

At^lohsa Native Family Healing Services received funding in 2010 from the Ontario Aboriginal Housing under the First Nation, Inuit, Métis, Urban & Rural (FIMUR) rental housing program to purchase 343 Richmond Street in downtown London to create family housing units in a supportive setting close to services and programs. At that time the City of London also provided funding of \$10,000 per unit through the Convert-To Rent program to help upgrade the residential units.

The purchase permitted Atlohsa to create 16 family housing units on the upper three floors and to utilize the main floor for programs and services for the urban aboriginal population. Affordable family housing has always been a missing key element to complement the essential services provided at the women's emergency shelter operated by At^lohsa.

Unfortunately shortly after Atlohsa took over the operation of the building it became clear that the elevator serving the upper residential apartments needed to be replaced. The cost of this item used a large portion of the funds that would otherwise have been spent on roof replacement, providing an accessible front entrance, and improving the energy efficiency of the building.

Atlohsa submitted a funding proposal to the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario through their Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. They have received \$220,000 from the agency and require matching funding to complete the items listed in the proposal. See attached Annex1 Statement of Work from the Contribution Agreement.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of At^lohsa Native Family Healing Services, this is a request to be considered for an extension of the 2010 Convert-to-Rent funding to provide an additional \$14,000 per unit grant to complete the proposed project. Specifically the funding would be directed to installing an accessible elevator at the front entrance, upgrade the residential heating and cooling systems and roof replacement. At this time the only accessible entrance is through the back ally by way of a ramp at the loading dock.

Please do not hesitate to contact me I you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Ross', written in a cursive style.

Malcolm Ross
Project Manager

c.c. Darlene Ritchie, Executive Director