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Affordable Seniors Housing – Request for Proposals

Seniors Round Table

Investment Priority:	Seniors (aged 55 years or older)
Investment Goal:	Address affordability and increase the supply of quality, affordable housing in Manitoba
Number of Households:	150 households (approximate)
Investment:	35% of eligible capital cost up to \$60,000 per residential unit (south) and \$70,000 per residential unit (north) Select rent-g geared-to-income assistance to help further decrease project rents

Additional Information:

Manitoba Housing is continuing to invest in affordable housing to support 150 seniors' independent and/or supported living spaces and to initiate collaborative planning for options to meet the continued need and demand for affordable housing for seniors.

Affordable Housing for Seniors is a key component of Manitoba Housing's overall strategy. In 2009, the province committed to creating 1,500 new affordable housing units by 2014. As of March 31, 2011, the funding for 707 new affordable housing units had been committed, with 320 specifically for seniors.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Affordable Seniors Housing has been released which will increase the supply of quality, affordable housing for seniors in Manitoba. A competitive selection process is being used to ensure that the most appropriate, sound and cost-effective affordable seniors housing proposals are chosen for funding commitments.

Eligible proposals include multiple unit rental or cooperative housing for seniors with low- to moderate-income. Proposals may take the form of new construction, conversion from non-residential to residential use, or the rehabilitation of vacant, derelict residential buildings. Buildings need to be modest in terms of floor area and amenities, as well as meet affordability provisions. Eligible proposals may incorporate any mix of affordable housing and market rate living spaces, and may include an assisted living or supportive housing component, or the proposal may be based wholly or in part on a Life Lease model of development.

In addition, a Seniors Round Table is being established to collaboratively plan for the housing needs of seniors into the future. Participants of the Seniors Round Table will include members of the Manitoba Council on Aging, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Age and Opportunity, Welcome Place, Ebenezer Home for the Aged, Aboriginal Seniors Resource Centre of Winnipeg, Centre on Aging (University of Manitoba) and Assiniboine Credit Union. Public participation is fundamental to the Seniors Round Table process. All citizens of Manitoba will be invited to help chart a course for creating safe, affordable homes for seniors. The members of the Seniors Round Table will provide clear goals, strategic directions and recommendations for moving forward.

Status: The RFP will close September 6, 2011.
Detailed RFP information is available at www.manitoba/housing