
MEMORANDUM

COM-C 11-2020

Subject: 2019-RFP-308 – Housing with Supports – Supported Transitional Housing Request for Proposal Award Results

Date: May 12, 2020

To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

From: Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services

The review of 2019-RFP-308 – Housing with Supports – Supported Transitional Housing was conducted as outlined in COM 29-2019 for the funding period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023. The selection process was undertaken by an Evaluation Review Committee, which included representation from external community members and staff members from Niagara Region Public Health, Finance and Community Services. Niagara Region staff have now completed negotiations of 2019-RFP-308 – Housing with Supports – Supported Transitional Housing, and the results of the evaluation of proposals are as follows:

Successful agencies:

1. Bethlehem Housing
2. Boys & Girls Club of Niagara (Nightlight Youth Services)
3. Canadian Mental Health Association
4. Matthew House
5. Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extensions (Port Cares)
6. Start Me Up Niagara
7. The Hope Center
8. The Young Women’s Christian Association of Niagara Region (YWCA Niagara Region)

The successful agencies will provide Supported Transitional Housing, which facilitates the movement to permanent housing of individuals experiencing homelessness who are willing and able to work towards self-sufficiency, by providing accommodation and other support services.

Supported Transitional Housing is an intermediate step between emergency crisis shelter and permanent housing. Accommodation is more long-term, service-intensive and ‘private’ as compared to emergency shelters, yet remains time-limited to stays of three to 18 months, depending on the population being served. It is meant to provide a safe, supportive environment where residents can overcome trauma, begin to address

the issues that led to homelessness or kept them homeless, and begin to rebuild their support network. Supports that help individuals move towards independence and self-sufficiency can be accessed on-site or off-site.

Committee is receiving this memo for information as the awarded value of this RFP falls within staff's delegated authority as per the Procurement By-Law. Consistent with the Negotiated RFP process, Niagara Region staff negotiated with eight agencies to ensure standardized levels of service, training opportunities for staff and to be able to award agencies within the 2020 approved budget.

Respectfully submitted and signed by:

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Commissioner