

homeward trust concentrated social housing edmonton recommendation

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Homeward Trust Edmonton not entertain any further proposals to fund new capital projects in the neighbourhoods of Boyle Street and McCauley, unless a proponent has demonstrated 'Significant Community Support', as outlined in Appendix II, until such time as the Community Plan is completed and approved or other policy directive of Council is adopted to inform future funding in distressed neighbourhoods.

Appendix II: Demonstrating Significant Community Support

Introduction

In addition to the regular requirements, should a proponent wish to build a project in a neighbourhood in which administration has placed a moratorium, one the following processes must be undertaken before the Project Review Committee and the Board of Directors of Homeward Trust will consider whether to recommend, then approve funding for a project.

Community League Support

1. Community League support shall be demonstrated through the receipt by HTE of a letter of support from the Community League president. The letter shall enumerate any meetings held with the community, and what processes the community league undertook to approve its support of this project (for example, a vote of its board of directors, a general meeting).
2. The proponent must send, through registered mail, a letter to the President of the Community League of the relevant neighbourhood expressing the proponent's intention to seek approval for a project. The letter will include the following:
 - A full description of the proposed project, including but not limited to:
 - Number of units in the project
 - Number of clients anticipated to be residing in the project
 - Number of on-site support staff
 - Design and/or sketches of the project
 - Clear description of the clients the project will serve
 - A request to meet with the Community League board of directors, designate body, or community at large, through a public meeting, within six (6) weeks of receipt of the letter.
 - A request for written support following any meetings that will be held.
 - A copy of Homeward Trust's requirements for a project to gain "significant community support".
3. The proponent is expected to attend to appear at a meeting of the Community League's board of directors, designate body, or community at large, should it be requested. While

proponents and HTE respect that community leagues need time to review a project, and to consult with its membership, it is expected that, unless it is demonstrated that pertinent information to the project is missing, that the process from receipt of a letter to a decision of the community league shall take no longer than eight (8) weeks.

Neighbour Support

4. In the absence of cooperation from the Community League, a proponent may canvass residents, organizations, and businesses on the block of the proposed site, or a block adjacent to the block of the proposed site. Written support, be it a petition or individual letters, must acknowledge that the signatory or author has seen the details of the project as denoted in point 2.

Public Support

5. “Significant Community Support” may also be demonstrated through the written support of community stakeholders who represent or serve populations in the relevant community league. These may include, but are not limited to, schools, community agencies or advocacy groups, service providers, and cultural groups. Written support should make clear the group’s endorsement of the project, an explanation of the group’s role in the community, and who they represent or serve, and acknowledgment that they have seen the details of the project as denoted in point 2.

6. A combination of the methods of points 4 and 5, i.e. Support from neighbours, in concert with support of stakeholders, will also be recognized.

7. The evidence of “Significant Community Support” to be defined as the letter referenced in point 4 or the petition referenced in point 5, shall be included in any material sent to the Project Review Committee or the Board of Directors of Homeward Trust as part of its deliberations on whether or not to support the relevant project.

Regular HTE Review and Approval Process

8. It shall be understood by the proponent, community league, and residents of the neighbourhood, that the successful completion of the above steps, and endorsement of the project, does not absolve the proponent of needing to meet all the regular criteria of a proponent to obtain funding from Homeward Trust, nor does it guarantee that the Homeward Trust Edmonton will approve the request for funding – in part or in full.