



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VA Great Lakes Health Care System
500 E. Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660

July 11, 2016

Mr. Don Roach
Veterans Assistance Foundation
Executive Director
312 Superior Avenue
Tomah, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Roach:

The Tomah VA is committed to efforts that support ending homelessness, expanding housing and economic opportunities for our nations Veterans. The Tomah VAMC commends the City of La Crosse Mayor, Tim Kabat, and his decision to sign on to the National Mayoral Challenge of ending Veteran's Homelessness.

Community networking has afforded the opportunity to grasp the true magnitude of the housing needs of our Veterans in this rural setting. One system, the Continuum of Care/ the Balance of State, which serves 69 counties identified 68 homeless Veterans in the 4 counties alone within the Coulee Region during the January 2016 Point in Time (PIT) count. Safe, permanent and supportive housing units that are affordable and Veteran focused will substantially narrow the remaining gap between the need for permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless Veteran families and the inventory of available units.

Our homeless program staff have been able to demonstrate that the combined efforts of a housing first approach to include affordable housing with rental assistance and case management for chronically homeless Veterans has been a very effective approach to servicing Veterans in our area.

As the Acting Director of the Tomah, WI VA Medical Center (Tomah VAMC) I support this collaboration with the housing authority to develop housing for Veterans. The Tomah VAMC homeless program staff will provide the necessary case management services for any permanent supportive housing unit that is occupied by either a VA Supportive Housing (VASH) or Housing Choice Voucher at the 733 Kane Street Project.

Sincerely,

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Victoria P. Brahm, MSN, RN, VHA-CM
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July 21, 2016

Caroline Gregerson
Community Development Administrator
City of La Crosse
Planning Department – 3rd Floor
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Re: Request for Proposals 733 Kane Street for Affordable Housing

Dear Ms. Gregerson:

This letter is to confirm that I have met with the Veterans Assistance Foundation Incorporated (VAF) staff regarding the “Request for Proposals” to build permanent supportive and affordable housing for homeless veterans at 733 Kane Street in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

LHI knows and understands the need for supportive housing for our homeless veterans and their families. For this reason we at LHI support the VAF’s endeavor to build permanent supportive and affordable housing for homeless veterans and their families.

LHI will further support this project with assistance in fundraising, specifically by obtaining a grant from United Healthcare.

We firmly believe the City of La Crosse will greatly benefit from the creation of permanent supportive and affordable housing for homeless veterans and assist in achieving our Mayor’s goal in ending veteran homelessness.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please call my office at 782-0404 ext. 4420.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Weber
Founder and Chairman

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July 27, 2016

City of La Crosse
Planning and Development Department
ATTN: Ms. Caroline Gregerson
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for affordable housing for homeless veterans in La Crosse, WI

Dear Ms. Gregerson:

This letter is to confirm that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) strongly supports the development of permanent supportive and affordable housing for homeless veterans in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The WDVA is extremely aware of the tremendous need for supportive housing for our homeless veterans and their families in the city of La Crosse.

We are confident the city of La Crosse will greatly benefit from the creation of permanent supportive and affordable housing for homeless veterans, which will assist in achieving the mayor's goal in ending veteran homelessness.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kenneth Grant the Administrator for the Division of Veterans Services at 608-267-7207.

Sincerely,
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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JOHN A. SCOCOS
Secretary