

News Bulletin!

Funding Approved for Safe Housing Ottawa Inc.

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Safe Housing Ottawa Inc. is pleased to announce that Action Ottawa (<http://tinyurl.com/67jycy>) has approved funding for the proposed housing plan to be built in the city's west end.

The plans are to build an 8 story, 33 unit apartment complex consisting of 1 and 2 bedroom units that will be specially built for the environmentally sensitive in mind. Construction will tentatively commence mid 2009 and completion hopefully by the summer of 2010.

A stakeholders meeting will be held in the Fall of 2008 -- architectural plans, building materials, designs, finances, regulations etc., are to be discussed.

The date of the meeting will be

posted on this web site when a date and location has been established. Please note that Safe Housing Ottawa Inc. is at this time no longer accepting tenancy applications for this planned housing community, as the list is now full. However, EHA Ontario may consider planning another EI safe housing community at another location if feasible.

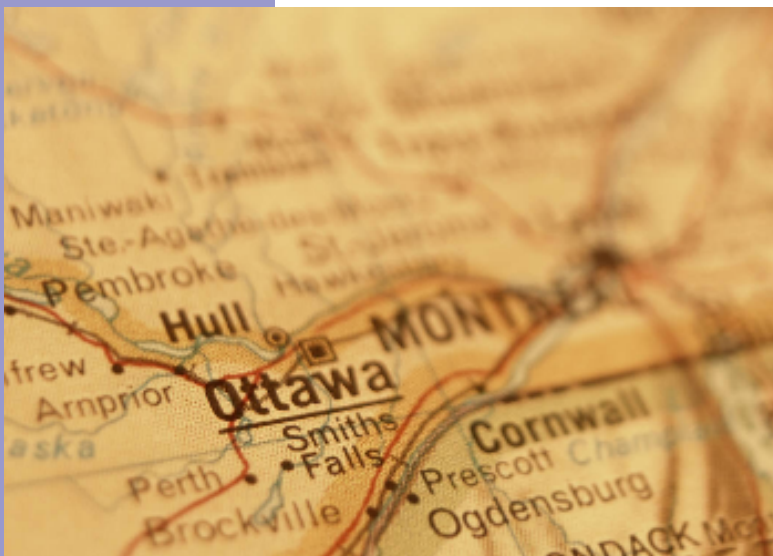
Please do not contact us for more information, as this is all we know for now. As we receive more information, we will post it here.

<http://ehaontario.ca/whats-new.htm>

EHAO- Safe Housing Project Ottawa, Canada

PURPOSE: To help create safe, affordable housing for those with Environmental Sensitivities and to return them to being contributing members of society, and to serve as a model to build and live in a sustainable manner for the health of future generations and the environment.

Living in environmentally safe conditions is the first and basic requirement for recovery from ES/MCS. ES individuals must find a way to avoid chemical and other harmful environmental exposures as much as possible so their bodies can recover. Finding safe living spaces is difficult at best and virtually impossible for people on the lower end of the income scale.



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The Environmental Health Association of Ontario (EHAO) would like to secure the facilities and services needed to enhance the lives of people suffering from environmental sensitivities (ES) and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS). In response to our members’ demand for such housing, we at EHAO are presently working on a pilot project to build suitable, and affordable community housing and have obtained funding from City of Ottawa from the programs that they manage for the Federal and Provincial governments.

We have a team of professionals including an award winning architect, a certified LEED builder and a professional housing consultant to make this dream a reality for so many people who require safe housing so that they can recover their health and their lives.

This type of building requires the use of safe materials which do not off-gas volatile organic compounds and other chemicals. Given the large numbers of people suffering from this

illness, there is obviously a potential market for ecological construction. Also, due to an increasingly polluted environment, many more people are looking for safer solutions to everyday living, including housing. Our project will be a pilot project to pave that route in Canada (and elsewhere) and will provide a template to be shared with others who also require safe accommodation.

This project will help those that have lost their jobs and health and need a helping hand to recover their lives by providing 33 safe condo apartments for both sale and rent (at subsidized rates).

We are no longer taking applications for this project as we have over 80 individuals and families on the wait list and only 33 units available.

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