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Ellen Woodsworth and Lucy Alderson  
Board of Directors, Bridge Housing Society for Women  
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Dear Lucy and Ellen:

In June 1998, Health Canada announced its commitment to support the relocation of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre to the Bridge Housing Society's Project at Cordova and Columbia. At the same time, it was announced that Health Canada and Status of Women will provide resources to support community development activities for women in the Downtown Eastside.

Following our discussions, I am writing to clarify the status of the two areas of concern.

*A) The re-location of the DTES Women's Centre*

I have requested a detailed budget for the addition of the basement to the Bridge Housing Society's Project to accommodate the increased space requirement of the DTES Women's Centre. I understand the delay in receiving this submission is due to substantial revisions in architectural design and the site plan.

Also, I have become aware that the Bridge Housing Society does not have a formal agreement with the DTES Women's Centre regarding its relocation to and 'tenancy' at the Bridge Housing Society's Project. This obviously requires some attention, as Health Canada's funding hinges on a clear agreement between parties concerned.

*B) The Community Development Fund*

I have received two proposals from you, dated February 26 and June 18, 1998. Both proposals state in general terms that the community development fund would be used to support and coordinate the necessary operations of the Bridge Housing Society for Women and its residents.

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Unfortunately, this objective does not meet the requirements for the community development fund. Therefore, the following is intended to provide some basic parameters for the development of your proposal:

- The community development fund is a 'one-time-only' fund and cannot be used for operational expenditure or on-going expenses associated with routine operations of a project or a program.
- The community development fund would support development and planning activities that are necessary to build the foundation (including the future funding strategy) for the on-going and continuous community development activities at the DTES Women's Centre.
- The funding would support the preparatory planning process to help launch the DTES Women's Centre, through its transition into a permanent home and to realize its potential for becoming a centre for the community of women to organize around their needs in the DTES, access resources to address their needs, and voice their concerns and perspectives on broader issues affecting the community at large.
- The planning and development activities should be participatory in nature, involving women in the DTES, particularly those who are at risk of contracting HIV, given the conditions of their lives.
- The resulting plans are expected to be developed in partnership with health care and social support services (including housing, education, training and employment, etc.) to ensure they are realistic and well-integrated.
- The proposal is expected to clearly state its aims and objectives, as achievable outcomes, within the next two years.

I hope the above helps provide a framework for the community development fund that is committed for women in the Downtown Eastside.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other members of the Bridge Housing Society for Women to help develop a workable proposal for submission to Health Canada and Status of Women.

Yours truly,

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Ellen & Lucy:

Please see attached, as per  
our discussion. And do let  
me know about Thursday  
meeting you suggested I  
attend.

It was good to see you today.  
Ellen.

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