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**A REQUEST FOR SUSTAINED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT:
ADDRESSING FUNDING
DELAYS & COMMUNICATION
GAPS FOR 280 BRITANNIA**



Background



1. Launch and Progress

- **October 2023:** Proposal submitted to the Region of Peel under the Reaching Home program.
- **November 2023:** Funding approved and contract signed for 30 bed capacity.
- **December 15, 2023:** Stay the Night officially opened its doors at 280 Britannia Road.
- Since its opening, over 13,000 women have been supported with shelter, food, showers, and safety.

Compliance & Operations

- **October 2024:** Despite six months without funding and numerous zoning challenges, we were able to maintain operations and achieve compliance through our own resilience and determination.
- **December 2024:** The program was reclassified as “exclusively for asylum seekers,” which contradicted its original intent to serve Peel residents.
 - As a result of this classification, funding was reduced to 10 bed capacity.
- **June 17, 2025:** Funding for 30 beds for July and August 2025 was initially assured, pending City approval.
 - The City was expected to approve, or alternatively support, funding for 10 beds.

Funding & Classification Challenges

- **June 18, 2025:** City Council reaffirmed support for the program and approved zoning for transitional housing.
 - Despite the lack of disbursed funds, we were informed that our contract remained under legal review. Nonetheless, the Region required accurate reporting strictly within the established deadlines.
- **July 22, 2025:** No funding released for four months (April 2025-July 2025). Staff went unpaid; rent and program expenses fell behind.
- **October 2025:** Following repeated delays and lack of response, funding was only released after escalation to Regional Council. Subsequent installments were again delayed, and funding was reduced to support only 20 beds.

Organizational Experience

Throughout these challenges, SacredHand Canada has faced repeated funding delays and inconsistencies, despite providing an essential service through our Stay the Night program. Even under these difficult circumstances, and in the face of treatment that at times felt dismissive and inequitable, we have continued to operate with resilience, transparency, and steadfast commitment to serving vulnerable women. Supporting over 13,000 women to date, our work demonstrates the critical importance of this program. Moving forward, we seek a more structured and consistent funding framework to ensure the program can continue reliably and effectively.

Our Three Asks

**Standard
&
Fair Funding**

**Fair & Realistic
Per-Person
Rate**

**Policy Reform
for
Fair Treatment**

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