



Homeless

CEDAR GROVE - HOUSING FOR THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS WHO FACE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Cool Aid will create a total of 60 new apartments at a former motel site at 210 Gorge Road East for men and women who have experienced chronic homelessness and are living with mental health and addiction challenges.

Cool Aid's objectives for the operation of Cedar Grove include:

- Housing support workers will be available on site 24/7.
- Cool Aid will work closely with Island Health (VIHA) mental health and addictions, Assertive Community Teams (ACT), the Access Health Centre and other support workers in the community to help tenants lead healthier, more productive lives.
- Recreation and life skill programming may be available for tenants, depending on funding.
- Nutritious, hot meals may also be incorporated, depending on operating funding agreements.





HOUSING SPECIFICATIONS

The site has many features conducive to supported housing:

- Victoria Cool Aid Society owns the 20,700 square-foot property which is currently zoned for transient (motel) use. It will need to be rezoned for multi-unit residential and the existing buildings will be demolished.
- Each suite will be about 350 square feet, with 15-20 units on each of three or four stories.
- Laundry, a large tenant amenities room, a tenant support office, and possibly a dining room will be included in the building.
- The design process will ensure that the needs of all interested parties – tenants and neighbours alike – will be thoughtfully incorporated.

BUILDING COSTS

Cool Aid estimates a capital budget of \$8.57 million including mortgage costs, which equates to a per-unit cost of \$146,348. A total of \$834,000 is required from individuals, foundations and corporations to kick-start the project.

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