

HOMEWorks!

Creating stronger communities through housing solutions

Bell Hotel Supportive Housing

Housing Partner: CentreVenture Development Corporation

Building Type: Re-development of the Bell Hotel into 42 studio suites with common and office space on the main floor and in the basement. Six of the suites are fully accessible.

Investment Priority: The homeless and those needing intense services to promote their safety and well-being

Description:

- **Location:** 662 Main Street, Winnipeg MB
- **Number of Households:** 42
- **Total Cost:** \$6,220,370
- **Investment:** \$5.25 M plus Rent Supplement and support services

Additional Information:

- Under the Housing First model, safe and stable housing with related supports is the most important element in addressing homelessness and helping individuals who are homeless achieve greater self sufficiency and a better quality of life. The Homelessness Partnering Strategy emphasizes longer term supportive and transitional housing by focusing on a housing first approach to help people make the transition out of the cycle of homelessness.
- The investment will provide long term housing with supportive services to help tenants to stabilize their lives, enhance their independent living skills, maintain a stable tenancy and connect within their community. The support services are provided by a partnership between property management and health and social service providers.
- The Manitoba government's HOMEWorks! Strategy provided \$2.5 million and the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy provided \$2.75 million toward the capital construction of this project.
- Centre Venture contributed the land and building at an estimated value of \$600,000.
- The remaining \$370,370 is private fundraising and the new Downtown Residential Development Grant.
- Tenants will pay rent-geared-to-income and Rent Supplement is available for all 42 units over a 15-year period.
- This location is very accessible and is close to community service providers.
- Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation are the property managers.

Status: Completion date is July 2011

