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VICTORIA RESOURCES SOCIETY

Contract Researcher: Housing First and the Sex Industry (January to March 2019)

Peers Victoria is a grassroots agency that has been working with and for Victoria sex workers for over 20 years. Through direct service delivery and partnerships, Peers Victoria provides an array of outreach, harm reduction, and wellness support services. We maintain an environment that is welcoming and accessible to current and former sex workers.

Reporting to the Executive Director and working in collaboration with other housing support workers, this contract position focuses on compiling literature and community expertise regarding Housing First models, gender (focus on women, but also trans, 2-Spirit and non-binary populations), and the sex industry, with the objective of identifying models and opportunities for development in the Capital Regional District. The findings will be synthesized in a short report (25-30 pages) to be shared with the community and funders and to act as a guide for development of housing services and partnerships at Peers Victoria and among housing service providers and planners. This project builds on the findings of “I want to be part of the community, not stand out from it”: Lessons Learned — Integrating Housing First into a Peer-Led Sex Work Organization. <https://www.safersexwork.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Lessons-Learned-Edited-Sept-6-2017.pdf>

The contractor will:

1. locate and synthesize relevant literature and information about housing models in Canada and elsewhere focusing on Housing First approaches for women and/or people in the sex industry.
2. Work with the executive director to design research questions and data analysis approaches.
3. Conduct in person and telephone interviews with expert stakeholders (10-15 approximately) regarding Housing First and women and/or people in the sex industry (additional help will be provided regarding any transcription).
4. Synthesize findings of the research and interviews and develop a summary guide for planning in this region regarding women and Housing First including priority populations, potential partnerships, housing models, potential funding models, staffing and policy considerations.

The contractor will have experience in housing research and/or policy and service provision, advanced research and writing skills (graduate degree preferred), and preferably knowledge of services for people in the sex industry.

This is a 3-month contract (approx. 125-150 hours depending on contract rate which is expected to range from \$28-\$36/hr depending on education and experience).

Please submit a resume, research/housing-oriented writing sample(s) and cover letter that summarizes your relevant experience and skills by January 10, 2019 to peershiring@gmail.com.

Applications from individuals with direct experience in any aspect of the sex industry are especially welcome. We also encourage applications from, but not limited to, indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, and people representing diverse genders and sexualities.