



To: Brooklyn Housing Authority

RE: Letter of Interest responding to the Tiffany Place RFP

Date: September 19, 2017

This is The ACCESS Agency, Inc., cover letter of interest in undertaking the restoration and renovation of Tiffany Place as described in the recent Request for Proposal released by the Brooklyn Housing Authority.

Below you will find the elements the RFP requires of a letter of interest.

Description of the applicant organization The ACCESS Agency, Inc., established in 1965 as Windham Area Community Action Program, is the federal and state designated Community Action Agency (CAA) for Windham and Tolland counties. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to create opportunities that empower under-resources individuals, families and communities to achieve and sustain economic stability.

We work to accomplish our Mission by carrying out these three Strategic Commitments:

- Ensure access to adequate Healthy Food, and safe decent Affordable Housing
- Provide access to Jobs and Other Pathways to Self-Reliance
- Mobilize Stakeholders to Advocate and Act to ensure economic stability is more accessible

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The names and business addresses of all Principals: As a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization does not have 'owners' per se. Instead, we are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors responsible for representing the interests of the communities we serve, and for ensuring that we appropriately steward our resources in furtherance of our Mission. The list of our Board of Directors is Attachment A.

A brief summary of our qualifications:

ACCESS has significant experience securing funds, successfully building and/or renovating, and then leasing up and managing affordable housing developments.

ACCESS began developing affordable housing in 2005 when Peter DeBiasi, the current CEO, was hired. Since then ACCESS has completed to a 32-unit and a 27-unit project for seniors funded primarily by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. We have also purchased and renovated four multi-family properties in Willimantic, and are nearing the end of a nine-unit

renovation project in Danielson involving three buildings. These projects were funded through the CT Department of Housing, CT Housing Finance Authority, and Tax Credits. To develop the necessary successful applications and to successfully complete the projects, ACCESS has worked closely with Housing Enterprises, Inc. as our consultant, and Schadler Selnau Associates as our architects. They both have many years of extensive experience developing affordable housing with ACCESS and others throughout the state of Connecticut. Additionally, ACCESS has a property management division which oversees all of our developed property.

Projects in the pipeline include the conversion of Tolland's former Parkers Elementary School into 37 units of affordable housing for seniors. This is a project that brings together CT DoH, CHFA, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and its member Putnam Bank, plus 4% tax credits.

We are excited about the opportunity to restore and renovate Tiffany Place and hope that you will find that ACCESS is the best organization to bring this project to successful completion.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Peter S. DeBiasi

ACCESS President/CEO