

“THE VILLAGE”
Located at : 8937 School Street Chilliwack BC V2P 4L5
Tenant Eligibility and Selection Criteria

“The Village” is an affordable housing project intended for people who qualify as Tenants and who are adults 19 years of age and older who live with a severe and persistent mental illness. It is Creative Centre Society’s responsibility and entitlement to make such reasonable decisions to select Tenants. Each of the apartments in the Village are self-contained so much in that they have a bathroom including shower, sink and toilet and kitchen facilities including fridge, sink and stove all within the unit.

Eligibility:

Successful applicants are able to live independently.

He or She will have an income below the threshold that makes them eligible for subsidized housing determined by BC Housing requirements. For 2013 the tenant’s income should not exceed \$23,500. Rent is determined by BC Housing and depends on your income and rent calculation, but note that the agreed rent for the single unit is \$375, and \$510 for the two bedrooms.

Persons eligible for tenancy in “The Village” are Absolute Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness. Exceptions may be made if the person is living in an unsafe housing situation.

In order to qualify, Tenants must be formally diagnosed by a qualified Mental Health practitioner with a severe and persistent mental health diagnosis that impacts their quality of life and integration into the community.

The person must not pose a significant and current threat to the general safety of the Village community.

Eligible persons will be currently and actively connected to support systems and/or support agencies in the community of Chilliwack (e.g. is a current Cheamview Clubhouse member and is actively involved in their own recovery, has an open file with Chilliwack mental health and/or works with a local Case Manager on an individual service plan). Prospective tenants will participate in a support program provided through the Creative Centre Society or Mental Health or through another organization in the community of Chilliwack with the purpose of working on goals related to attaining or maintaining employment, education and/or personal life skills.

Tenants will not smoke in the building and agree to not have any pets in the building. Tenants will agree to not engage in any criminal activity in the building or on its premises.

For the one bedroom units: the applicant is someone who meets the eligibility criteria and intends to live on their own with overnight guests limited to a maximum of 14 nights per calendar year. For the two bedroom units: the applicant is a person who meets the eligibility criteria and also has a dependent minor child with whom they intend to reside. Overnight guests other than the tenant and their child are also restricted and may not exceed 14 nights per calendar year.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will fill out and submit an application form to live in The Village. A committee representing the Creative Centre Society will interview applicants who meet the criteria and choose tenants based on eligibility and need.

Definitions:

“Absolute Homeless” means individuals who are living in: public spaces without legal claim (e.g. on the streets, in abandoned buildings, in tent cities); a homeless shelter, a public facility or service (e.g. a hospital, care facility, rehabilitation treatment centre) and cannot return to a stable residence; or individuals who are financially, sexually, physically or emotionally exploited to maintain their shelter.

“Risk of Homelessness” means individuals who are living in temporary accommodation where they do not have control over the length and conditions of tenure (e.g. couch surfing, name not on lease), and do not have adequate personal space; time limited housing designed to help them transition from being homeless to living in a permanent form of housing (e.g. transitional housing or second stage housing); or accommodation where tenancy will be terminated within three months of application (e.g. given notice by landlord).

“Unsafe Housing” means unsanitary or unsafe dwelling and accommodations and the unsafe or unsanitary conditions arising from overcrowding and concentration of population, the obsolete and poor condition of the buildings, improper planning, excessive land coverage, lack of proper light, air and space, unsanitary design and arrangement, lack of proper facilities and the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other circumstances.

“Tenant” means a person who rents an apartment from Creative Centre Society for a period of time who is a person from the tenant population legally entitled to reside in the residential unit pursuant to the Tenancy Agreement.



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Application for Subsidized Housing
"The Village"
8937 School Street Chilliwack BC V2P 4L5

Applicants Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone #: _____ MSP #: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____

Marital Status: _____

Current Housing Situation (including address if applicable and how long you have been in this situation):

History of Housing.: (outline your housing history for the last 5 years including addresses if applicable, lengths of stay at each location and contact names and numbers to verify the information provided here as best as possible):

Contact Information (fill in where applicable):

Next of Kin: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____

Mental Health Case Manager: _____ Phone #: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

Psychiatrist: _____ Phone #: _____

Financial Assistance Worker: _____ Phone #: _____

Parole Officer _____ Phone #: _____

Psychiatric Information

1. Diagnosis: _____ Year Diagnosis Made (age): _____

2. Current Medication: _____

3. Previous Hospitalizations (hospital & year): _____

General Information

1. Education: _____

2. Work History: _____

3. Current community involvement: _____

4. Amount of Income: _____ Source of Income: _____

5. Describe your current relationship with Mental Health Case Manager, staff and community resources, including Cheamview Clubhouse if applicable:

6. What coping difficulties do you think you have, if any?

7. What problems, if any, do you think you may have with independent living ?:

8. Do you have a history of violence?

9. Do you have a history with suicidal or homicidal thoughts?:

10. What are some other related health problems you may have(including allergies):

11. What would you say are your personality characteristics (including strengths):

12. What is your related and current history with using alcohol or drugs?:

Alcohol: _____

Drugs: _____

13. What is your reason for wanting to live at "The Village"?: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

* This is a non smoking building

Call Jennifer Ridgeway at 604.850.1168 if you have any questions.

Please fax application to Creative Centre Society at 604.850.1190.

Or email to creativecentresociety@gmail.com