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Semi-Independent Housing Structure Leasing for Hosting Unaccompanied Children - Third-country nationals over 16 years old

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INTRODUCTION

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) was established in 1951 and is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration, with 165 member states, 8 countries that hold observer status and offices in more than 100 countries around the world. IOM is committed to managing human migration conditions and a functional way to benefit both immigrants and host societies, promote international migration cooperation, research for practical solutions to migration problems and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced persons.

Under the program "Creating Semi-Independent Housing Structures for Hosting Unaccompanied Children Over 16 Years" funded by the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare, the International Organization for Migration - Cyprus Office, is interested in:
"Lease of Semi-Independent Residential Structures for the Hosting of Unaccompanied Children - Third Country Citizens over 16 years old", which will initially operate until the end of 2023, with the possibility of further extension.

These housing structures will be leased by the International Organization for Migration, which will provide integrated support to unaccompanied children through an alternative standard of semi-independent care for their gradual autonomy. Residents in these housing structures will be unaccompanied children, third-country nationals, over 16 years of age, who arrive in Cyprus without being accompanied.

PURPOSE OF SEMI-INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

The main objective of the operation of Semi-Independent Residential Structures is to support unaccompanied third-country children over 16 years of age, in an appropriate harassment-free context of personalized care and protection, in accordance with their abilities and skills and considering their developmental needs. Further, this particular alternative hosting model promotes the support and empowerment of unaccompanied children in their transition to adulthood, goal-setting, their gradual integration into the local community and the labor market, the enhancement of self-esteem and self-sustainability, the development of skills, the enhancement of decision-making competences and the children's ability to withstand difficulties, to develop their personality and special abilities.

BUILDINGS & OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS

Semi-independent residential structures can be either houses, apartments or studios which have the necessary appropriate building and functional specifications as discussed below:

Each semi-independent housing structure that operates to accommodate children must have all of the legally required licenses secured or be able to secure them for rent and use, and in particular:

1. meet the requirements of the applicable " Building Fire Protection Regulation "

2. have adequate heating of the operating premises. In the absence of central heating, alternatively provide another way of safely heating the housing structure.

3. have sufficient supply of water suitable for human consumption in accordance with applicable law (geographical areas without drinking water supply are excluded)

4. have a connection to the sewer network or in any other case the liquid waste is removed in a hygienically and environmentally acceptable manner, in accordance with applicable national and Community law, so as not to be a source of pollution, directly or indirectly.

5. the collection and garbage collection by methods and means as foreseen in the law

6. Each home/apartment/studio must have adequate power outlets (sockets) throughout its premises and have a water heating system (e.g., solar or electric water heater).

7. Provision of internet in each home/apartment/studio.

8. to have front and room doors secured with suitable locks Keys to front and room doors will be provided to all residents by lessor.

9. to have protective railings on the balconies.

In addition, the supervised houses/apartments/studios to be used for the purpose of semi-independent living should have at least the following spaces. If any of the following are not fulfilled, IOM reserves the right to remodel some sites to meet the aforementioned requirements.

1. Independent Entrance ‘with functioning lock

2. at least one bedroom with room for 2 to 3 children in single beds in each room.

3. an appropriate equipped common kitchen available for all residents or cooking area per home/apartment/studio. It is noted that residents will be cooking their own meals

4. independent toilet (WC/shower/washbasin).

5. laundry room.

6. office space depending on the number of people staying in the house / apartment / studio.

The Lessor shall provide for utilities such as electricity, heating/cooling, water, sewage, garbage collection, internet access, hot water. IOM will cover the part of these costs determined proportionally based on the portions used by IOM and by actual consumption per room. IOM will only provide compensation for damages incurred by the fault of residents and not for the normal wear and tear for which maintenance is typically borne by the Lessor.

LOCATION & ORGANIZATION OF SUPPLIED APARTMENTS

Supervised homes / apartments / studios should be located in residential areas, close to easy access to public transport, secondary schools, health center and basic services.

In this context, the potential beneficiaries should describe in detail the following in their proposal:

 The type of structure (house / apartment / studio) offered for rent,

 The area and street where the structure is located,

 The description of the spaces of the structure offered:

- Number of houses / apartments / studios
- Number of bedrooms in each home / apartment / studio
- Area of each space
- Amenities offered in every room

 Availability time and,

 The suggested monthly rent.

EVALUATION

The main technical elements and characteristics that will be considered for the suitability of residential structures are:

 The ability of each structure to respond both quantitatively and qualitatively to the needs of semi-independent living;

 Readiness rate (availability time, implementation time and intervention rate),

 The location of the property and the existence of support functions in the immediate area, as well as its special features,

 Access to public transport,

 The number of houses / apartments / studios that can be allocated.

 Legality of construction.

 Existing furnishing and household appliances / ability of furnishing of apartments by the beneficiary.

 Existing additional space that can be used as an office by staff.

In this context and if there are properties that meet the requirements of the present in the event of an invitation, an on-site inspection of the property is deemed necessary to complete the evaluation process. The technical details, as well as the financial data of this proposal / lease, will be further discussed during the on-site visit which will be held in consultation with each interested party.

In the event that the houses / apartments / studios in question are deemed appropriate and the final agreed rent is deemed advantageous, the beneficiary will be informed in writing and will be immediately summoned for the purpose of concluding the contract / lease.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The interested parties (natural or legal persons) are invited to submit their expression of interest for the lease of the property by email at iomnicosia@iom.int, with the following clearly marked:

(a) "OFFER FOR LEASING SEMI-INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES FOR HOSTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN OVER 16 YEARS"

(b) Details of the sender.

The email of each Expression of Interest will contain the following:

 Completed Expression of Interest, (Appendix 1)

 Statement of Interest by the person submitting the Expression of Interest that it is either the owner and legal representative of the property or the authorization by the owner to submit the expression of interest and act instead;

 Property titles,

 Energy Performance Certificate,

 Certificate of electrician for the suitability of the electrical installation of the structure,

 Photos of all areas of the property,

 Detailed monthly rental offer including any guarantee requirement.

These proposals can be submitted by the 31st of October 2022.

For additional information and clarifications, you can send your request to: iomnicosia@iom.int

OTHER TERMS

Annexed you will find the Lease |Agreement template to be signed including the detailed terms and conditions.
International Organization for Migration reserves the right to modify part or the sum of this Call if it deems it is necessary and has the right to terminate the entire process without any liability or obligation to inform beneficiaries.

No compensation claims can be inferred by this Call for Interest on the part of the participants.

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Annex 1

Cover Letter Expressions of Interest

(location, date)

To:
International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Nehrou Avenue, (area of Old Hospital of Nicosia), 1102 Nicosia

Dear Sir / Madame,

In response to the Organization's Call for Expression of Interest to participate in the Process of Semi-Independent Housing Structure Leasing to Host Unaccompanied Children over 16, initially renewable for 12 months, the undersigned submits this application.

Description of this residential structure
please mention:

(please mention:
- *The type of structure (house/apartment/studio) offered for rent*
- *The area and street where the structure is located,*
- *The description of the spaces of the structure offered:*
  - *Number of houses/apartments/studios*
  - *Number of bedrooms in each home/apartment/studio*
  - *Area of each space*
  - *Amenities offered in every room*

- *Availability time and,*
- *The suggested monthly rent)*

This application consists of:

(Please provide all the documents that accompany your application)

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I acknowledge and accept the right of IOM to inspect, verify and validate all documents filed with this application and all information contained therein. I have read and fully understood the Invitation Guidelines and its Annexes.

I hereby certify that the application was made in full knowledge and understanding of the content of the aforementioned directives and criteria.

Sincerely,

Signature:
Natural Person Name / Company Name:
Address: