C.I.G.P. Application Form
Part B: Project Proposal Submission

a. Organization Description

1JustCity operates Drop-ins in three vulnerable Winnipeg neighborhoods; the West End, West Broadway, and Osborne Village. We also operate an emergency overnight warming shelter. We provide services to over 1200 unique individuals weekly, and support nearly 7000 people in total. We work with people living in poverty; experiencing homelessness or precarious housing, mental health issues and/or addiction, social isolation, oppression due to race or gender identity, and more.

Our primary programs are a daily drop-in where all are welcome to come inside for a healthy meal, a cup of coffee, and positive social interaction; an Indigenous Cultural Program which provides accessible opportunities to experience Indigenous culture and engage in concrete reconciliation action; and our Community Capacity Builder Program which helps people to develop confidence and skills that they can use to serve their community.

Our work is grounded in relationship; and our resource centres are places where people are known by name, and loved. We provide for basic needs, but we also strive to offer programs that are transformational; changing lives for the better, and not simply perpetuating poverty and oppression.

The 4 pillars of our work are: Loving the Underloved, Working Towards Reconciliation, Growing Individuals' Capacity, and Building Inclusive Communities.

<u>Mission</u>

1JustCity's mission is to strengthen and sustain social justice work in Winnipeg through the financial support of its member charities.

<u>Vision</u>

1JustCity works towards a city that is founded on justice, where all are heard, all are welcome, all are cared-for, all are celebrated and all are working together.

b. Project Description

What: We have received a donation of a washing machine and dryer. We would love to hook them up and put them into action at our West End Drop-in, so community members can clean their clothing at our site. We get requests for laundry service often. It is important for people's dignity (it feels good to have clean clothes!) and also for bedbug treatment and prevention.

Unfortunately we have discovered that the cost for having these machines hooked up is much higher than we anticipated - between $3,500-5,000 just for plumbing, electrical, and venting. There will also be some additional costs involved in converting a currently unused space near our hot water heater into a laundry room. We envision tabletop space for people to work, and to fold their laundry; mesh bags, lockers so people can store their laundry safely, and an oxidizer to hook up to the washing machine so we can clean clothing without having to purchase laundry detergent all time, so this project will be sustainable financially and environmentally.

Why: As mentioned above, laundry service is one of the most common requests we receive from people who visit our space. We work with people in need; living in poverty. Most of them don't have access to laundry facilities in their own homes; if they even have homes. Some folk might live in apartments with coin-operated laundry machines, but may not be able to afford to use them very often. It feels good to wear clean clothes! It is a source of pride and dignity that we all appreciate. We want to offer the people we work with free access to laundry facilities so they can wear clean clothes and feel good! Furthermore, bed bugs are a common issue with the people we work with. Access to laundry facilities will help them to manage these pests more effectively, rather than being stuck in an unending cycle of treatment and infestation because they can't afford to clean their clothing and bedding.

This project will be undertaken at our West End Drop-in. Our other two drop-in sites already have laundry facilities; meaning that, as an organization, we have the experience and capacity to offer this program successfully at our West End site, once we can get the machines hooked up and the laundry room established.

When: We are prepared to move on this project as soon as funding is confirmed. The machines are ready and waiting, contractors have a plan and are ready to work. It should not take long to install the machines and get the room ready, and we anticipate completing the project quickly once funding is secure. I have put July 1 as a tentative date on our application form, only because I am not sure how long it might take to receive confirmation from the C.I.G.P.