

Exhibit II

The purpose of this exhibit to show how Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) will use the proposed radio station for the advancement of an educational program under 75.503(a) of the rules, which describe that noncommercial licenses are not limited to classroom instruction, but may “transmit educational, cultural, and entertainment programs to the general public,” (Section 73.503(b)) in the advancement of a radio program. The following clearly demonstrates Community Alliance of Tenants eligibility:

Mission and Educational Objective

Formed in 1996, the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) is Oregon’s only statewide, grassroots, tenant-controlled, tenant-rights organization. CAT educates, organizes and develops the leadership of low-income tenants to directly challenge unjust housing policies and practices. Our mission is to educate and empower tenants to demand affordable, stable and safe rental homes. We address the impact Oregon’s decreasing supply of decent, affordable housing and absence of meaningful tenant protections has on low-income tenants.

Past and Existing Educational Programs

In order to work towards our mission of safe, stable and affordable rental homes, tenants need a place to call home. So the Education Program works to provide tenants with the basic information and strategies we need to know what our rights are and how to protect them. With this knowledge, we stand a better chance of maintaining our housing and being able to focus on building more protections for tenants under the law. The Education Program is an almost totally by the membership- tenants helping tenants, so we are able to provide something that no other group in Oregon can; concrete information about landlord-tenant law in everyday language, that real renters can understand. We also work with folks one-on-one to come up with a strategy that fits their particular situation. Because many of us have been through similar situations, we understand what people who use the hotline are going through.

Proposed Educational Programs

Radio would be a valued and welcomed tool for outreach serving as an extension of our existing programs. Presently, the Education Program works to provide tenants with the basic information and strategies they need in order to know what our rights are and how to protect them. We are organizing low-income tenants and our allies to win new funding to save existing affordable housing and develop new affordable housing. At the same time we are organizing to improve protections for tenants under state law. CAT also supports legislative proposals to protect tenants through work in the statewide Housing Alliance.

Sincerely,
Michelle Lasley
President,
Community Alliance of Tenants