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Dear Colleague,

**Social Housing Enterprise Strategy: Expression of Interest**

the Northern Ireland Housing Executive has launched its Landlord Services' Social Housing Enterprise Strategy and is inviting Expressions of Interest in applying for investments in existing or proposed local social housing enterprises and social entrepreneurs.

This new source of social investment finance is aimed at delivering social and economic benefits to local communities throughout the Housing Executive's housing communities. It is anticipated that these enterprises will be based around viable business ventures which are sustainable, and will assist in building social and economic well-being within those same housing communities.

The range of social finance investments which is being made available is detailed in the Guidance Notes overleaf and, essentially, falls into 2 distinct categories:

- Investment awards of between £10,000 and £ 50,000, and
- Smaller Start-up awards including up to £500 as an Education Grant, and up to £1,000 as a Business Start-up grant.

If your community or you, as an individual social entrepreneur, are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest or wish more information, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Social Investments Team, preferably by email, at the above address as soon as possible.

On receipt of your Expression of Interest, the Team will be in touch to advise you on the next stage.

Please note that the Strategy's Investment Scheme current call closes to applications on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 4.00pm.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ward Erwin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ward Erwin

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