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Andrews House, a Common Ground Facility at 197 Bowery, has been supported by Community Board 3 since 2001. In addition, Common Ground has other facilities in Community Board 3 that have all contributed positively to the community and have been supported by our Board. Our newest Common Ground facility is The Lee on Pitt Street, which was very strongly encouraged and supported by Community Board 3.

Andrews House staff presented an update of services to Community Board 3 in June, 2011. This update included information regarding 38 units of Shelter service beds. The contract under consideration for Andrews House will continue to make these beds available to homeless individuals with enhanced services for nine years. The population served will be offered medical services onsite, employment/case management services, recreation, housing referral services, benefit access, and as well as other services.

The current Community Board 3 District Needs Statement (for fiscal year 2013) states: the number of people needing homes points to the need to continue and increase programs to place people in housing with continued assistance. The contract under consideration directly addresses the stated needs of Community Board 3. Andrews House houses people with services and also helps them move into jobs and permanent housing.

Community Board 3 urges the Mayor's Office of Contract Services to award this contract for 38 shelter beds with enhanced services to Andrews House.