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Sweet Home City Council,

Lebanon sponsored a Community Development Block Grant application for home rehabilitation in 2016. The program helped 10 households and affected 19 individuals. In addition, the program brings work to local contractors and suppliers. We contracted with Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services for the grant management and administration and were pleased how easy WNHS made the grant program for the city. We strongly support this program and urge the council to approve the application for CDBG housing rehabilitation funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary B. Marks", is written over the typed name and title.

Gary B. Marks
City Manager



The Linn County Housing Rehabilitation Program (LCHRP) has been in existence for nearly two decades in some form or fashion here in Linn County. Linn County communities have added themselves to the partnership through the intergovernmental agreement over the years to service and reach citizens in need in their communities. Sweet Home has been an integral part of this partnership. The LCHRP was one of the first regional efforts in Linn County and has been very successful, not only in bringing communities together, but in delivering positive results.

Recently, Harrisburg & Lebanon have offered to be the applicant for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Linn County has been very successful securing the funding using the cities as sponsors. The program continues to thrive under the leadership of Brigetta Olsen & Liza Newcombe in their roles at Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services. Brigetta & Liza make the process as easy as possible for your staff and will ensure the funds are administered correctly and promptly.

We appreciate Sweet Home and City Council's role in this tremendous regional partnership. We hope you choose to continue this rich history of cooperation and programmatic support.

Wishing you all the best!

S. Scott McDowell

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To: [Raymond Towry](#)
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Hi Ray,

I just took a look at the council packet and noticed that the action recommendation is not really what we need. We want the city council to authorize the city to apply as the sponsor for the 2018 Community Development Block grant. Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services will actually do the paperwork (for free, since we don't have a contract yet) for the application and then be the Subgrantee if and when the city is awarded. Is it possible to amend the recommendation as follows?

“Authorize the staff to submit an application for the 2018 CDBG program.”

I'm not sure if I sent you a proposed draft resolution but I'm attaching it here... this would cover the requirement by IFA for council approval of the application.

Thank you, and sorry I didn't see this until just now!

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