



July 29, 2019

Columbia City Council

Dear City Council:

On behalf of the City of the Housing and Columbia Community Development Commission (HCDC), I request your support of the CDC's FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funding recommendations. Funding recommendations were unanimously approved by the HCDC on June 19, 2019.

FY 2020 is the first year of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The HCDC played a key role in a robust public input and planning process in determining new 5-year funding priorities. The City's Consolidated Planning process included feedback from the Neighborhood Congress event, 5 community forums, four public hearings, the Fair Housing Task Force, a robust data analysis and a citizen survey. This input was utilized to develop goals for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. These goals also guided the decision making process for FY 2020.

FY 2020 HCDC funding recommendations are based upon a rating of each individual application, review of updated annual survey data, public input, as well as a review of goals in the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The HCDC public hearings involved thorough deliberation between Commissioners, the public and agencies requesting funds.

Please consider supporting the HCDC's FY2020 CDBG and HOME funding recommendations as submitted. I will be attending the City Council budget hearing to present funding recommendations and answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Blaine Regan  
Housing and Community Development Commission, Chairperson