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Mary Charnitz
Community Development Block Grant
Madison Municipal Bldg., Room 280
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Dear Mary:

I am writing this letter to very strongly support Quaker Housing's grant proposal for CDBG funding. As a non-profit, Quaker Housing with its 72 one-bedroom, HUD, affordable, elderly and disability housing complex has been a pillar of hope and refuge for thousands of low-income and homeless residents since its beginning in 1971. With 75% of its residents African American, median rents of \$266/month, and more than 85% of its residents falling into the extremely low income category (which is 30% of the county median), I can't think of a better project to use this money for.

The project's purpose is to purchase new windows for nearly 1/2 of the total number of apartments by replacing the old ones that are actually the original windows from 1971. There have been significant improvements in energy efficiency of windows since that time. The project directly addresses the community need of providing more well-maintained and safe affordable housing in a city targeted area.

I give my full support to this very worthwhile housing project and hope that the Commission members will look favorably upon it as well.

Best Regards,

Sue Ellingson
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