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June 18, 2003

Mary Jo Smith
City Of Lancaster
Community Development Department
111 South Broad Street
Suite 211
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Mary Jo:

I'm writing this letter to commend Lancaster's Community Development Department for all their efforts in assisting our organization with CDBG Funding over the past years and for our future.


By receiving these Funds, we are able to reduce the Mortgage on our homes for our homeowners, thus, making our homes affordable for the Family.

Habitat For Humanity is about building Partnerships – Partnerships with our Homeowners, Volunteers, Supporters and our Communities. The greatest achievement of our organization arises when a spirit of Partnership is fully felt by everyone involved.

Once again, Thanks for all your Energy, Advice and Efforts in helping us to achieve our Mission.

In Partnership;

Bob Sulick
Executive Director
Habitat For Humanity of Fairfield County



New Horizons Youth & Family Center

June 16, 2003

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Mayor Art Wallace
City Hall
104 E. Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Mayor Wallace,

New Horizons has been the recipient of Community Development Block Grant dollars for the last several years. We utilize CDBG funding, in accordance with the City of Lancaster's Consolidated Plan, for residential support services for specific city residents. These services are targeted toward city residents of low or moderate income, who have special needs by virtue of their clinical diagnosis as mentally disabled. These support services are an integral part of our clients' success in attaining and maintaining suitable housing and quality of life.

Each year we assist well over 100 New Horizons clients in this manner. This level and volume of assistance would simply not be possible without CDBG financial support. For this assistance, we are very grateful.

Sincerely,



Anthony B. Motta
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Mary Jo Smith, Executive Director
Community Development Department

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Mary Jo Smith
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June 19, 2003

Dear Ms. Smith,

The Lancaster Fairfield County Community Action Agency has received CDBG funds to support its emergency shelter for homeless families for the past two years. On a daily basis we see families who are affected by sudden, critical health concerns, by families whose financial stability is in a tailspin due to layoff or downsizing, and mothers whose lives have been devastated by abuse who are forced to begin again on their own. The CDBG funds received from the City of Lancaster have allowed us the flexibility to serve families who need support through our emergency shelter for homeless families.

A strong commitment to our customers and support from community leaders has enabled us to secure the funding necessary to assist these families in becoming self sufficient. In 2002, LFCAA received a competitive grant to refurbish the shelter giving families a safer place to reside during their transition to independent living.

The provision of resources that meet the basic needs of society's most vulnerable members is vital to its continued growth and development. In this regard, the City of Lancaster has made homelessness prevention a high priority in its planning. It is a privilege to live and work in a community that is responsive to the needs of all of its citizens.

Sincerely,

Kellie Ailes
Executive Director

Community Development

From: "Sara Sherman" <sshorman@fairfieldmrdd.com>
To: "Mary Jo Smith" <cdd@greenapple.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 9:02 AM
Subject: Consolidated plan

Hi Mary Jo!

I'm sorry I was not able to attend the hearing on Monday. I did go through the plan a great deal these past few days. I find it to be quite thorough and easy to read. You seem to have identified the issues of the city, and have illustrated strategies to address issues. I don't know if you changed anything, or if I just understand better--but I found it a little to understand than the version I worked with at FMHA.

Excellent job!
Sara

6/12/2003

Community Development

From: "Mary Bozman" <mbozman@fairfieldmha.org>
To: "Mary Jo Smith" <cdd@greenapple.com>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2003 10:25 AM
Subject: Consolidated Plan

Under the heading 'PUBLIC AND ASSISTANCE HOUSING NEEDS' you could add the following paragraph if this is the applicable place to put it.

FMHA currently operates a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program with 26 families enrolled. FMHA has a goal to double that number in the coming year. A Home Ownership Program will be up and running as of August 2003 to enable LMI households to become homeowners through the use of housing choice vouchers.

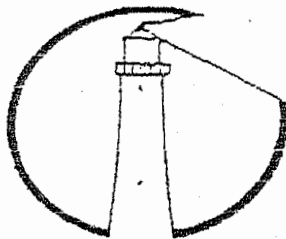
Regarding the Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List: Our Waiting list now exceeds 1,300 families

Also, we have completed three requests for additional funds or additional vouchers.

Hope the above is useful.
Have a great week end!

Mary Bozman
Fairfield Metropolitan Hsg. Auth.
1506 Amherst Place
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
740-653-6618 ext. 23

6/24/2003



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Rudy Touvell Sr., 6th Ward Councilman
133 Harrison Ave.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Councilman Touvell,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support of The Lighthouse and those we serve. The Community Development Block Grant funds received by our agency enable us to provide protective shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children. These funds have literally saved lives and have enabled individuals to work toward self-sufficiency and obtain lives free from violence.

As you probably know, domestic violence is the single largest health problem facing women today. In addition, those children witnessing violence in their home continue to carry the effects well into their adult lives. Domestic violence affects all members of society in rising health care costs, lost productivity, and rises in juvenile delinquency.

The CDBG funds received by The Lighthouse truly make a difference in the Lancaster City community. On behalf of the 1200 victims of domestic violence we serve annually, thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pelletier-Walker, MSW, LSW
Executive Director



Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority



Mary Bozman
Executive Director

"Serving Our Community Through Safe and Affordable Housing"

June 18, 2003

Mr. Art Wallace, Mayor
348 E. Fifth Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Mayor Wallace:

I would like to make you aware of all the help that the City of Lancaster's Community Development Block Grant Program has provided to the FMHA and many of our clients in the past. Through the CDBG, many low income households have been able to enjoy the benefits of upgrades in infrastructure in their neighborhoods that otherwise would not have been possible. The impact on them as a result has been immeasurable.

FMHA has administered a successful Homeownership Program for low-income families in the past and is in start-up phase of a new program. The funds made available through CDBG for down-payment assistance is a critical and interregal part of this self-sufficiency program.

I would also like to remind you that by keeping this money in the community improving the properties and the lives of families, particularly those of low-income; it comes back to the community in a number of ways from increased spending in the community by these families to improved properties which equals a higher tax base.

I support this program as it provides wrap around services and improvements necessary to assure greater success by clients utilizing our rental assistance program, moving them toward self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Mary Bozman
Executive Director

Cc: Mary Jo Smith