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Housing and Redevelopment Authority
15 West Kellogg BLVD
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RE: Commercial Corridor-Draft Proposal

The North End Neighborhood Organization (district 6) currently implements an Economic Development program re-granting/loaning Neighborhood STAR and CDBG funds to businesses within the North End. We began the program in 2018 and have been successful in getting funds to our local businesses. We do not have a dedicated CDC in the North End and our business association dissolved during covid.

Regardless of the funds allocated by CDBG or Neighborhood STAR we are interested in the commercial corridor funding. The proposed eligible activities will allow funds to be used outside any other awards and the list of eligible activities is certainly workable to enhance work currently being done either in the North End or other neighborhoods across the city.

The grant amount should reflect what type of work is planned, if it is stand alone or an element in a larger effort. Equitable distribution may be complicated and there could be an application process that encompasses the proposed work, how the project was decided upon and the public benefit.

This is a chance for neighborhoods to receive funding to create a welcoming corridor, strategically utilizing the funds for the best outcome.

Thank-you for recognizing the need and benefit in funding commercial corridors across the neighborhoods.

Regards

Kerry Antrim

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Executive Director

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