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Mr. Robert Shears
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Dear Mr. Shears,

I am pleased to inform you that the Lake County Housing & Community Development Commission (HCDC) has recommended for Board Approval a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$143,251 to Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). This grant is for CDBG-eligible expenses in the creation of new jobs. YCC will employ up to three crews of newly hired full-time laborers to build new homes and to remodel existing houses for greater energy efficiency.

Lake County supports YCC's new venture as a Community Economic Development project that will submit a request for funding from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Services. It is our mutual understanding that Lake County's CDBG grant will benefit this new business venture to be implemented by a newly created Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) of which YCC will be 100% managing member.

YCC's new venture will be used to provide full-time jobs to graduates of YCC's Youthbuild programs and to produce housing on a larger scale at a year-round pace. Lake County has a huge, unmet need for housing such as the homes this grant will be used to build.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jodi Gingiss