

July 11, 2022

Ms. Ashlee Green, Project Manager  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development  
2 North Charles Street, Suite 450  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund  
Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Dear Ms. Green,

This letter is to express The City of Hyattsville's strong support of the application submitted by Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland ("HFHMM") to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund Program ("NED") for the HFHMM Repair Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP) - Critical Repair, Accessibility and Weatherization Program, (the "Program").

The Program will provide health-related and safety repairs, accessibility modifications, and weatherization services to low-income homeowners residing within designated Sustainable Communities in Hyattsville. This Program will help mitigate some of the key housing challenges experienced by Hyattsville community residents, identified through a senior community needs survey fielded in 2021. Furthermore, this letter serves to document the partnership between HFHMM and the City of Hyattsville.

The City of Hyattsville, with Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP), and HFHMM have collaborated since 2018 to make home modifications, repairs, and weatherization services available to low-income families and individuals in Hyattsville. Without the assistance provided by HFHMM, many individuals would not have the means to improve their health and mobility; HFHMM-provided in-home health assessments and home modifications have helped older adults and persons with disabilities continue to "age in place" safely and with dignity in their homes and community of choice.

In addition, without the home repair and weatherization assistance provided by HFHMM, many Hyattsville individuals and families would not have the means to improve the livability and integrity of their homes. Such services are essential to maintaining the health and investment of homeowners, as well as the vibrancy of the community's older housing stock.

This letter of support is testimony of the City of Hyattsville's support for this Program and the importance placed on providing and preserving quality, affordable safe housing for our citizens. Should you have any questions or require further information please feel free to contact me, or our City's Community and Economic Development Director, Jim Chandler.

Sincerely,

Tracey Nicholson Douglas  
City Administrator