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To Whom It May Concern:

Clackamas County Social Services is pleased to write this letter in support of the Village at the Falls application for a Community Enhancement Grant.

Social Services is the Area Agency on Aging for Clackamas County. We provide a variety of services and supports to older adults that promote safety, independence and community involvement. We understand that state and federal programs provide essential services but are not sufficient to meet the needs of all older adults. The Village movement, and the Village at the Falls, provide a unique structure of support, community involvement, and leadership opportunities that help to create vibrant communities where older adults can age in place, volunteer, and contribute to our community.

As our population ages and public systems become even more stretched, initiatives like the Village will become even more important. By investing today you can help ensure that older adults in Oregon City have the resources and training needed to help themselves and their neighbors.

Sincerely,

Brenda Durbin