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Lori Bell
Community Enhancement Grant Program
City of Oregon City

Dear Lori,

The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce offers enthusiastic support for the project to **Accelerate the Development of Village at the Falls**. We believe there is great value in a project that helps Oregon City seniors remain in their homes as they age, empowers them to sustain independence, and remain connected to others.

The project aligns with the mission of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce as a concrete example of people working together to build a vibrant Oregon City economy and community. Just like the Chamber, the **Village at the Falls** provides a way to make connections between people and build support for the growth and vitality of members. Further, the project provides training and development opportunities and social support for people who want to continue to live independently – established ingredients for staying active, vital, healthy and safe.

Similarly, we sense that this is a good fit with the priorities of the Community Grant Enhancement Program, and is perhaps unique in emphasizing the development of a strong network in the community versus brick and mortar enhancements. The project will be building on both national and regional assets to provide necessary administrative, technical, and legal expertise and will be able to grow in concert with the other regional Villages as the numbers of seniors in our local community continues to grow.

We are gratified that the project will utilize local businesses to augment the communications, enrollment and operating activities of their committed volunteers. The Chamber stands ready to help spread the word about the project and provide the means for local businesses to connect to the project as it develops. We urge you to favorably consider the project's funding request!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Brand', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Brand, Executive Director