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City of Olympia  
ATTN: Keith Stahley  
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Re: Funding request

Dear Keith,

The Family Support Center of South Sound is seeking financial support from the City of Olympia in the amount of \$500,000 to serve as down payment on an incredibly exciting and amazing property. Located on the west side of Olympia at 3525 and 3524 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, the lot includes vacant land and three existing office structures appropriately designed to meet our goal of developing a campus style social service hub for families; a place they can access multiple supportive services in one big, beautiful, welcoming location. In addition to housing the Family Support Center's programs, the property will bring together under one roof multiple likeminded non-profit and government partners with the goal of providing comprehensive wrap around services to families with children and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The Family Support Center has strategically invited and anticipates the following agencies will lease space within the new facility: the Olympia Free Medical Clinic, Big Brothers Big Sisters (including a new STEAM classroom), Timberland Regional Library, Nature Nurtures farm (childcare and preschool program), the Mental Health Access Program, Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, Crime Victims Advocacy Network, the Junior League of Olympia, Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative, the felony and misdemeanor teams of the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and staff from Thurston County Clerk's Office, Adult Protective Services, and Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

Additionally, the property will serve as the site for our next family housing development. With less than a 3% rental vacancy rate, and 90 highly vulnerable homeless families with children on our waiting list desperately seeking housing options, the need for additional affordable family housing is clear. Our purchase of this property is contingent on our ability to build 20-44 units of affordable housing on the site starting in 2020. The Family Support Center is currently working with Bellwether housing developers to identify the most appropriate scale, timeline, and design of our project based on the anticipated availability of funding and the scope of project the site will allow. The Family Support Center has submitted a Stage 1 Housing Trust fund application, is included in the Thurston County housing pipeline, and is actively exploring additional financing options for this project.

The Family Support Center's vision for this property is in alignment with those of the City of Olympia's comprehensive plan. The city's investment of \$500,000 in this project will secure a critical resource for our community that will enhance and improve the lives of children and families for years to come. Thank you so much for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trish Gregory".

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