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Ren Scammon
Administrative Services Officer
El Dorado County
Department of Human Services
3057 Briw Road, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: White Rock Village, El Dorado Hills Boys and Girls Club Facility Enhancement Feasibility Study

Dear Ms. Scammon:

Mercy Housing has been partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado County to offer programs to our residents at White Rock Village for several years now. As the population of school age children has grown over the years, the program has run out of space to serve all the kids that want to participate in the various programs. We are requesting the County to join with us to apply for a CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant from the State to explore options for creating an adequate facility at or adjacent to White Rock Village for these extremely valuable programs.

As you are aware, there are very few organized after school and summer break recreational and education opportunities for lower income families in El Dorado Hills. The Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado County has responded to this need by fundraising for all of its operational costs to run the program at White Rock Village. Their operational program is highly successful and has a proven track record for financial sustainability. Their programs keep our school age residents engaged in highly productive activities. Mercy Housing is very excited about the possibility of creating a sustainable facility for all the programs and operational needs of the property.

The grant would provide funding to study the physical and regulatory constraints and financial analysis to create an exclusive and appropriate space for the Boys and Girls Club program, either on-site or immediately adjacent to White Rock Village. The information obtained from the study will be used by Boys and Girls Club to determine the optimal size for their project, to pursue CDBG and other grants and loans for project implementation and to determine the feasibility of expanding child care services at the site.

We look forward to exploring the exciting possibility with you and the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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