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Subject: RE: HUD HOME CDBG community needs hearing comments
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Good Morning - thank you for your comments pertaining to Agenda Item 11. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration during the public hearing this evening.

Best regards,

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From: Shyla Patera <shycpat@icloud.com>
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Subject: HUD HOME CDBG community needs hearing comments

My name is Shyla Patera. I am a resident of the City of Great Falls. I also work and represent North Central Independent LivingServices, Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana.

I wish to provide the following comments on the CDBG/ HOME applications that have been submitted and scored as well as the community needs hearing. NCILS believes that we as a community need accessible universally designed housing. NCILS supports projects that are dealing with the design and construction of universally designed housing accessibility. NCILS knows this a major need for citizens with disabilities living in Great Falls and Cascade County. Given the fact that The planning board and the commission have been and will be discussing multi family development in Great Falls, the city and interested stakeholders should as a community define how citizens with mobility and sensory disabilities that need housing are going to benefit from these code changes.

NCILS advocates for accessible pathways,curb ramps, contiguous sidewalks and streets. our public and private transportation providers should be connecting services to our neighborhood and our major attractions and way finding markers. Housing and transportation providers as well as developers should factor accessibility and inclusive and affordable development opportunities. The City and stakeholders should be defining where public right of way begin and end in our community. NCILS also encourages city enforcement of our community ADA transition plan. The city and surrounding communities should be incorporating disaster and community preparedness principles in planning.

In the arena of public services, NCILS knows people with disabilities can be a part of many communities and experience many issues at the same time. NCILS hopes for that all of our applicants for the CDBG / HOME funds incorporate not only mobility and sensory accessibility but also ideas which advance program accessibility in our community.

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