

August 9, 2021

Montana Housing  
Montana Department of Commerce  
P O Box 200528  
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RE: NeighborWorks Great Falls and Homeword Permanent Supportive House Project  
Baatz Block, Great Falls

Dear Board Members and Staff:

Great Falls Neighborhood Council #7, which includes the Baatz Block (400 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South) within its boundaries, would like to express our support for this project. NeighborWorks Great Falls and Homeword are partnering to develop this project.

Neighborhood Council #7 stretches from south 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to the Missouri River and west from roughly 12<sup>th</sup> Street North and South to the Missouri River. Included in these boundaries are the original townsites of Great Falls as well as the downtown business and residential area. This area has rebounded very well in the past few years, but the historic areas still need loving attention.

Our motto at NC #7 is “We walk for the history and stay for the future.” We believe that this project on the historic south side will enhance those ideas. This improvement will reinvigorate a vacant, boarded-up building with homes, studios, and apartments in an area that is close to parks and the Great Falls bus system. The project is close to public health systems, the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, and a convenience grocery.

The project addresses homelessness in Great Falls in a positive way, helping to increase the diversity and availability of affordable rentals.

This project is highly recommended by Great Falls Neighborhood Council #7. We cannot think of a better use for the limited Housing Tax Credits.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Neighborhood Council #7

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