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**Cindy Schneible**

McKinney Community Development Corporation  
321 N Central Expressway #240  
McKinney, Texas 75070

Dear Ms. Schneible,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Collin County, I am reaching out with a heartfelt request for a 12-month extension of our current grant for Critical Home Repairs to expire **March 31, 2026**. I would welcome the opportunity to address the Board at your upcoming meeting to provide further insight and answer any questions.

Over the past year, our affiliate has faced profound challenges, including the departure of our founding CEO in early 2024. When I joined as CEO in July, I was tasked with leading a comprehensive revitalization—uncovering gaps, rebuilding trust, and reestablishing our foundation for sustainable impact. It has been a demanding yet inspiring journey, and while we were once on the brink of closure, I see incredible potential ahead. My priority has been to implement strategic improvements, strengthen internal operations, and foster a culture of excellence that aligns with our mission. Thanks to the dedication of our team, board, and partners, we are emerging stronger than ever.

In recent years, our capacity to build homes declined sharply—averaging only 3 to 4 homes per year, compared to our historic pace of 10+ annually. Recognizing this, our leadership developed a bold strategic plan to refocus our efforts on providing permanent, stable housing for low-income families. This includes both expanding our new home builds and revitalizing our critical home repairs program, ensuring families can remain safely in their homes.

I am proud to share that in just eight months, we have already provided permanent housing for 7 families, with an additional 7 homes planned before the fiscal year ends June 30. Our goal is to return to building no fewer than 12 homes annually. Additionally, our critical repairs program is now positioned to serve at least 20 families over the next year—making a profound difference for those in need.

I believe in complete transparency. While requesting an extension may not fully reflect our long-term aspirations, I hope you see the undeniable progress we have made. Your support has been a driving force behind this transformation, and we are profoundly grateful.

One of our most meaningful projects is the Jimmy Carter House on Green Street. After demolishing an unlivable structure, we are constructing a new home for the Guzman family. While unexpected soil and foundation challenges have caused slight delays, this investment ensures a safe and lasting home for generations to come.

Beyond this, we have partnered with the City Code Enforcement Department to identify at least three additional homeowners whose homes are in dire need of repairs. As we work through the qualification



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process to verify eligibility under the 60% AMI standard, we are confident that these critical repairs can be completed within the next 9–12 months.

Our goal is not only to utilize the remaining grant funds effectively but also to establish a legacy of accountability, impact, and trust with MCDC. This extension would allow us to solidify our infrastructure, ensure every dollar is maximized for those in need, and lay the foundation for future funding partnerships. I am not just seeking an extension—I am committed to positioning Habitat for Humanity of Collin County as a model partner that delivers excellence, integrity, and tangible results.

As we step into this new and promising chapter, I look forward to sharing our continued successes with you. I hope MCDC will recognize the incredible value of our partnership as we work together to build homes, strengthen communities, and bring hope to Collin County.

Thank you for your generosity, dedication to this community, and consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

With deep appreciation,

Shonda Schaefer

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Original Grant: \$400,000

Spent to Date: \$117,352

Remaining: \$282,648

Estimates:

- 809 Green St (approved, in progress) ~ \$180,000
- 1003 Healy St (approved, in assessment ~ \$25,000
- 1209 E. Virginia St (in application process, Drywall repairs ~\$10K est.
- 1103 Oak St. (in application process, needs assessment)
- 411 Oak St. (in application process, needs assessment)
- 1105 Firewall St. (in application process, needs assessment)