

January 18, 2017

Community Development Finance Authority
Community Development Advisory Committee
14 Dixon Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Members of the Advisory Committee,

I am pleased to write in support of the City of Concord's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for improvements to the Concord Family YMCA. The City of Concord has a proven track record for managing CDBG funds since the program's inception. Receiving the grant will enable the City, in partnership with the YMCA, to enhance its services to many low-income families in the region, as well as revitalize a facility with significant historical value to Concord.

The grant funds will allow for facility improvements including an energy conversion from a steam to a gas-fire burner, extensive interior renovations, and an upgrade to the early childhood center's playground. This project seeks to meet a number of key objectives by benefiting low-income households through high quality early education with the renovation, coupled with the building listed on the National Register as part of the Downtown Concord National Register District. For further financial stability, the City of Concord and the Concord YMCA will invest more than \$300,000 in matching funds to the project.

I encourage a timely review and decision on the City of Concord's CDBG application. Please keep my office informed as the process moves forward by contacting Amy Slattery of my staff at (603) 226-1002 or Amy.Slattery@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress