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Mayor John Dickert Members of the Common Council c/o Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk

> Subject: Request to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority's Strategic Blight Elimination Program.

Dear Mayor Dickert and Honorable Aldermen:

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) recently announced a competitive grant program that would reimburse local jurisdictions for the cost of demolishing vacant and blighted 1 to 4 unit residential properties. The properties must be owned by the jurisdiction and be part of a well-defined redevelopment plan.

I respectfully ask for permission to apply for a grant under this program.

Please refer this request to the Finance and Personnel Committee for its review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

Brian F. O'Connell

Director of City Development

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