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March 21, 2023

Re: City of Moberly U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant Application

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation's strong support of the City of Moberly's application for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to complete construction of a new fire station and training facility. This project would allow for a much-needed investment in facilities that are outdated. A new fire station and training facility would improve staff living conditions and provide for better overall operations for the department.

The department facilities date back to 1973 and have experienced no significant renovations over the years. After 50 years of use, now is the appropriate time to upgrade these facilities to ensure their effectiveness into the coming decades. A new fire station and training facility would significantly upgrade the City's ability to meet the public safety needs of our citizens at the highest level.

I wholeheartedly believe these facilities will not only address substantive capacity needs but also strengthen the economic viability of the City of Moberly in general. It is imperative in today's competitive economic development environment that city services meet citizen public health and safety demands for a community to grow. This grant would provide the funding support needed to meet those demands and for the City of Moberly to continue to grow. For that reason, I highly encourage this grant application to be funded to allow city officials the financial ability to construct a new fire station and training facility to the benefit of the City of Moberly's 14,000 residents.

I am grateful for your consideration of this grant request and look forward to the City of Moberly's Fire Department project receiving these much-needed grant funds.

Sincerely.

Randy Asbury Interim President

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Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce

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To whom it may concern:

The Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Moberly's grant application for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in hopes that it will assist with the building of a new fire station and training facility for our community. This grant would allow the City to replace the outdated existing station and allow the City to build a facility that will also provide space for training of our firemen which is much needed.

Our fire stations were constructed in the early 1970's and have not been improved or remodeled over the years. Our current fire station's structure no longer meets the requirements of our fire personnel or the work that they do. The usage of the facilities has changed over the years and it is long overdue for the facilities to be upgraded to meet the current work place requirements.

It is our understanding that the City of Moberly plans to build a new fire station and training facility to provide adequate space for today's equipment and personnel. The Chamber supports this plan completely and hopes that the U.S. Department of Agriculture considers Moberly a good fit for the Rural Development Grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Megan Schmitt, Executive Director



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City of Moberly Fire Department 310 N Clark St. Moberly MO 65270

Dear Chief Ryan:

The Randolph County Health Department would like to express our full support for a new fire station and training facility.

Current Fire stations were built in the 1970s and haven't had any major repairs, remodels, or improvements over the years. Our Fire Department staff work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our community. As our community has grown, building a new fire station and training facility is needed to adequately serve our community. Finding ways to keep current employees trained is more important than ever. Without adequate and qualified fire staff, our community suffers. This makes this project a high priority for our community.

The City of Moberly continues to demonstrate a dedication to the needs of our citizens. Therefore, the Randolph County Health Department strongly supports the City's plans for the Fire Station and training facility project and considers it an issue of public health.

Respectfully submitted

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Chief Don Ryan City of Moberly 310 N. Clark Moberly, Mo. 65270-1551

Dear Chief Ryan:

The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) enthusiastically supports the City of Moberly's efforts in seeking a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant to provide funding for a new fire station and training facility.

The city, fire department and residents will benefit immensely from construction of this facility. You are to be commended for your insight and planning. Infrastructure improvements are vital to the safety and progress of our community.

Such upgrades include constantly being on the forefront of fire prevention techniques and skills. NECAC is proud to stand with you in the department's effort to make our city a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Dan Page

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President & CEO









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Public Works 660-269-7644

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Water/ Wastewater 660-269-7646 March 21, 2023

Dear RepresentativeToalson-Reisch,

The City of Moberly is seeking a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant, due by the end of this week, to provide funding for a new fire station and training facility. This project is to enhance the planned building of a station for the city, which will address the need of replacing the outdated station and provide a much needed training improvement that the fire department desperately needs. Your letter of support will be a vital component in helping us achieve success!

The fire stations date back to 1973/1974 and have not had major repairs, remodels, or improvements throughout the years. The usages of these facilities have had to change over the years to remain viable and effective. Administration has determined the time is upon us to make the investment into upgrading the stations for future viability and sustainment.

We are currently seeking to build a new fire station and training facility and shuttle the second station on N. Morley Street in an effort to provide space for personnel and equipment. This will improve living conditions and provide for better operations of the department into the future.

If you could please take a short piece of your day to put together a letter of support for this worthy project, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to visit the facilities, I would be happy to show them to you and discuss what we are looking to complete. I am confident that you will see the benefits this project will provide for the department, and more importantly, to the community.

Thank you,

Don Ryan - Fire Chief

City of Moberly