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Debra Robinson, Commissioner
Cook County
1200 S Hutchinson Ave
Adel, GA 31620-5218

Dear Debra:

We hope you, your loved ones, and those in Cook County are staying healthy as we await widespread vaccinations!

Is Cook County getting its fair share of federal support? The federal government will spend more than \$4.8 trillion during this fiscal year, including billions of dollars for local governments. Beyond regular federal grants, the Biden Administration's COVID-19 stimulus package contains major funding for local governments.

Specifically, the Congress will invest billions in 2021 through competitive and discretionary grant programs to support economic development, infrastructure, public safety, broadband, telehealth and distance learning, community arts programs, substance abuse prevention and treatment, community food projects, water/wastewater, surface transportation, brownfields remediation, and much more.

Does Cook County need grant funding? Merchant McIntyre professionals are experts at winning it. Turn over this letter to review our recent grant awards and pending awards.

Merchant McIntyre will provide Cook County a free consultation to review the federal grant opportunities available to fund your priority projects and needs. MM can help put Cook County in the path of regular significant federal support.

There is no fee, no obligation for our consultation. Call me at (240) 630-1846, or send an email to mark.m@merchantmcintyre.com and we will schedule a call right away.

Since 1994, Merchant McIntyre Associates has established an extraordinary track record for our clients winning grants for projects that address budget needs and improve residents' quality of life. For example, MM helped a local government win \$14.1 million for roadway improvements and to create clearly delineated bicycle and pedestrian facilities and trails. On a weekly basis we are submitting multimillion-dollar applications for economic development, surface transportation, water/wastewater, the arts, and workforce development projects for our clients.

Let us demonstrate how Merchant McIntyre can help Cook County secure significant federal dollars!

Sincerely,

Mark D. McIntyre Principal and Co-Founder

P.S. Do you want to win more federal grants? I urge you to take advantage of our free consultation. We are experts at winning federal grants, *and we're willing to audition to prove it to you!*

P.P.S. You'll find Merchant McIntyre's recent grant wins and pending awards on the back of this letter.

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Here is a list of federal grants Merchant McIntyre Associates has won or recently submitted for local governments. The ultimate objective of every federal dollar Merchant McIntyre helps secure for local governments is to provide budget relief and/or help them better serve their citizens. **Why not Cook County?**

- ✓ **\$14.1 million** to construct a multimodal greenway and pedestrian path through an urban area.
- ✓ **\$11.4 million** for roadway improvements and to create clearly delineated bicycle and pedestrian facilities and trails.
- ✓ **\$2.7 million** for water and wastewater infrastructure to generate economic development.
- ✓ **\$413,000** to hire, train, and equip two new school resource officers.
- ✓ **\$1.4 million** to enhance workforce training and drive economic development by developing a new welding program.
- ✓ **\$1.46 million** for the development of an industrial park in a rural city.
- ✓ **\$1.2 million** to retain nine School Resource Officer positions.
- ✓ **\$25 million** to construct a 26-mile paved multi-use pedestrian trail, pending.
- ✓ **\$8 million** for street reconstruction and beautification, pending.
- ✓ **\$4 million** to construct a central green space to attract residents, locals, and tourists, pending.
- ✓ **\$7.1 million** for the construction of a rural road connector to improve safety and maintenance outcomes, pending.
- ✓ **\$347,000** to train 37 firefighters and construct a live-fire training simulator, pending.
- ✓ **\$2.83 million** for the design, architecture, and construction of an Innovation Center to train skilled workers for auto-diesel and heavy machinery positions, pending.
- ✓ **\$284,000** to support rural business development and small business incubators, pending.

Do you need this type of funding? If so, let's schedule a call to discuss how Merchant McIntyre can help Cook County win significant federal grants to support your priority funding needs.

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You may also review our agency's capabilities at www.merchantmcintyre.com