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Senator Chuck Hufstetler Via email to chuck.hufstetler@senate.ga.gov

Re: Hannah's Place and Willingham Village RAD

Dear Senator Hufstetler:

I am writing to request funds in the amount of \$1,400,000 to replace sewer and water infrastructure at Hannah's Place and Willingham Village RAD which consists of 172 apartments. Willingham Village RAD consists of 96 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units. Hannah's Place consists of 76 units owned by NWGHA with 26 of the units leased to United Way for the Rapid Rehousing Program.

The scope of work for this project includes replacement of the exterior sewer system. The existing system consists of terracotta pipes which have many broken sections and roots growing in the pipes causing several sewer leaks and health hazards. The scope of work also will include engineering and submittal to appropriate officials for approval, removal and disposal of the old system and installation of the approved system with land stabilization upon completion. There are 7,000 feet of system that need to be replaced. All 172 units will need to have the new system restored to each unit. Water lines are also old and in poor condition. We are constantly digging up lines and patching them.

United Way has started leasing the 26 units to homeless individuals; however, once the individuals occupy the units, there are problems with sewage backing up in the toilets and the bathtubs. This has occurred in several units thus far. This is an emergency situation that I hope the state can assist NWGHA with as we work within this community to house our homeless individuals. NWGHA is slow to lease the remaining 50 units at Hannah's Place due to the aforementioned problems.

Please consider this emergency request for funding to improve infrastructure that is vital to the wellbeing of the residents living at Hannah's Place and Willingham Village RAD.

Sincerely,

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