



July 11, 2019

Appendix Item # 16 a
Date 7-17-19

Mr. Robert Missel, Chairman
Dodge County Board of Supervisors
Dodge County Courthouse
435 N Park Avenue
Fremont, NE 68025

Dear Mr. Missel:

The Greater Fremont Development Council (GFDC) respectfully requests that the County consider maintaining our appropriation of \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2019-2020. We sincerely appreciate your past and continued support of our organization. You are an important stakeholder with a commitment to bringing economic growth to the County, and we appreciate your support, partnership, and engagement.

GFDC manages significant project activity on behalf of the county community. In the last 18 months, we have leveraged \$30,000 dollars annually from investors like yourselves, to the total of, \$2.88 million dollars in housing funds, as workforce and housing have become a critical need in Dodge County. These dollars are two separate revolving loan funds to help stimulate workforce and low to moderate income housing. We were able to leverage investor dollars to secure a Dodge County Housing Manager role. To date, housing projects have a planned 328 units at \$16 million in capital investment. Additionally, GFDC has helped to land over 24 recruitment projects for new businesses from 2013 to 2019, while also, averaging over 60 county business retention visits annually.

Additional programs that have been created by GFDC or are underway:

- **Welstead Micro Loan Fund for Small Businesses/Start-ups**
- **Multicultural Inclusion Council**
- **Here We Grow – Marketing Brand/Logo Launch**
- **Workforce Preparedness/ACT -Work Ready Communities (Dodge County)**
- **Outreach to support Rural Dodge County communities**

Your partnership will continue to be a critical component to the success of this organization and our community. As our county grows, we hope to build on our long-term partnership to develop and maintain the “Good Life” in Dodge County. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry Clark".

Garry Clark
Executive Director