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Ms. Susan Hoskins Executive Director Friends Foundation for the Aging P.O. Box 1081 Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047

Dear Ms. Hoskins,

The Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey (JCHC) submits this letter of intent to the Friends Foundation for the Aging to request funding for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to support our pilot Assisted Living Program for low-income senior citizens residing in two of our HUD-subsidized apartment buildings. We think this pilot program is very much aligned with the Friends Foundation's goals in innovative programming to make meaningful changes in vulnerable aging populations, leveraging resources to make program sustainable and promoting cooperation in utilizing partners to work together to keep seniors in their homes safely and healthfully.

Challenge

The JCHC is a non-profit 501c (3) organization was founded in 1983 with the mission to provide seniors with affordable housing in nurturing and enriching communities in Greater MetroWest NJ. Many of our residents have lived in our buildings for several years and are starting to exhibit chronic health care issues that limit their functionality and ability to take care of themselves. Many cannot afford to pay for additional health care services and do not want to leave their homes. The JCHC recognizes the important need for continuous assistance for residents while they age in place in their homes. The JCHC looks to ensure that their senior residents get the health services they need. JCHC will require funding for start-up costs to develop and implement this pilot Assisted Living Program.

Proposed Solution and Pilot Program

The JCHC is seeking support for the pilot Assisted Living Program (ALP) for our approximately 200 low-income senior residents. This pilot program will bring assisted living services directly to over 200 low-income senior residents living in 2 HUD subsidized JCHC apartment buildings located in South Orange and West Orange, NJ with an overarching goal of supporting seniors to successfully "Age in Place." These services target seniors who can no longer undertake certain vital activities without putting themselves at risk. Such services would include helping with activities of daily living (ADL) (e.g. going to the bathroom, getting dressed, bathing, preparing meals), ordering and administering medication via certified medication aides and licensed practical nurses, telehealth services, and arranging medical transportation. The end result will be that our residents can live in their homes for as long as they desire and are able, and will keep this particularly vulnerable population safer and healthier in the long term.

Evaluation of Success

The JCHC will measure the success of the Assisted Living Program in three areas (1) **Building Capacity** by tracking & attaining licensure, hiring appropriate staff, number of participating providers giving care to our residents; (2) **Enrollment** will be measured by tracking the use of services & number of residents enrolled in pilot; (3) **Provision of Coordinated Care** will be measured by tracking on management software all care documentation from home health aides, medical notes from physicians, appointments kept, data tracking of services given & medical transportation provided (4) **Education Engagement** will be tracked by documentation for residents attending health education classes & active participation. Pre and post surveys will be conducted in set timeframe.

The Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey is an affiliated agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ.

Letter to Ms. Susan Hoskins

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Budget

The ALP pilot program will take approximately one year to start. Funding support in the first year has been received totaling \$133,080. We will need to raise an additional \$66,321 to meet our budget. We will be applying to the Grotta Fund for Senior Care in Spring 2022 in addition to your Foundation (request will be \$30,000-35,000). We will be happy to submit a full proposal with additional information for your further review.

Sincerely,

Harold Colton-Max

Chief Executive Officer