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April 14, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly support the need for a fire station in the City of McCammon, Idaho. As our County grows, the need for additional emergency services facilities becomes increasingly important. The current facilities are in poor repair and detrimental to providing the needed services. The City has been unable to upgrade aging fire trucks and equipment due to insufficient space and poor configuration of the existing facility.

Bannock County is in growth mode and the City of McCammon is a part of that growth. I am a big proponent of Economic Development and a new facility in McCammon will set a positive tone for progress and improvement. This new facility would have the ability to serve as a hub for expanding emergency services in the area, which would help in many ways.

The proposed facility in McCammon would be a huge benefit to Bannock County and for the City residents. This is a project that makes sense for the well-being of the community and I encourage all to support it.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Hough
Bannock County Commissioner

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Ryan O'Hearn, Fire Chief
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408 E. Whitman
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April 13, 2022

Mayor Karlene Hall
City of McCammon
802 Front Street
McCammon, ID 83250

Mayor Hall:

The Pocatello Fire Department/Bannock County Ambulance District fully supports your application for funding to cover unanticipated cost increases to build a new fire station. The McCammon Fire Department is centrally located within Bannock County. As we continue to experience growth in our rural areas, a new fire station would benefit not only McCammon, but would serve the County as a well. We look forward to discussions concerning partnerships and the future potential of placing an Emergency Medical Service resource in the McCammon Fire Station to more quickly address the needs of our communities in South Bannock County. Please reach out to me if there is anything I can do to help you accomplish your goals.

Sincerely,

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Ryan O'Hearn, MPA





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November 13, 2020

Director Tom Kealey
700 W State Street
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Director Kealey,

I'm writing to provide my support for the City of McCammon's Community Development Block Grant application. While this grant will provide amazing benefits for this city, more importantly it will help the local leaders there meet critical needs for their residents.

Due to outdated emergency facilities and equipment, and no on-site ambulance services, residents in McCammon are forced to endure longer than reasonable response times. Statistics from Bannock County for 2020 show an ambulance response time of 21-29 minutes for the 10+ calls per month to the city.

The purpose of the grant is to assist the city in constructing a new fire station. The city's current fire station was constructed in 1974 as a maintenance shed. It is approximately 30'x70' on a lot of 0.19 acres. The city of McCammon is proposing a new fire station of 10,000-12,000 square feet on a 1.5-acre property, already owned by the city, at an estimated cost of \$1.8M. It will contain 4-5 double pull-through bays, along with storage for equipment, a training room and "clean room" for volunteers. The CDBG grant being applied for is worth up to \$500,000 and will be necessary for the city to accomplish the project.

I recognize the important job that you and your team will be undertaking as you review the many requests you'll be receiving for limited funds. I would request added consideration for this application, due to literally life or death circumstances hanging in the balance.

Thank you for all you do and for your consideration in this matter.

All my best,

Kelley Packer
Executive Director; Association of Idaho Cities

November 10, 2020

Mayor Karlene Hall
City of McCammon
802 Front Street
McCammon, ID 83250

Dear Mayor Hall,

The Idaho Rural Partnership is aware the City of McCammon currently seeks funding for the propose fire station and community center project. My purpose in writing is to document how this project was identified as a priority during the McCammon Community Review. Phase I of the Community Review was conducted in June 2018; Phase II was conducted in October 2018.

We understand the proposed project accomplishes two important goals identified by the community: (1) increasing the community's capacity to provide fire, EMS, and related services and, (2) creating new opportunities for community and recreational activities. The project achieves these goals by constructing a combined fire station/city offices building on land owned by the City located on Center Street and converting the existing city offices on Front Street into a community/senior center.

Phase I of the McCammon Community Review included conducting a survey of residents in McCammon and surrounding area and a series of listening sessions with multiple community stakeholder groups. The survey conducted in the spring of 2018 documented that community residents:

- Are dissatisfied with a current lack of senior support services
- Want new arts, entertainment, and cultural activities
- See a need for more law enforcement presence, especially at night
- Are dissatisfied with existing childcare and other youth activities/services
- Want new facilities and events that bring residents together, regardless of age, religion, and other affiliations

The listening sessions conducted in June 2018 found that:

- A new community center, where all are welcome, was one of the most frequently mentioned community improvements residents want to see. Many listening session participants expressed hope that the desired community center would have space for community events, a kitchen, and possibly other facilities and services such as a swimming pool and fire station. (See report for Phase I of McCammon Community Review, page 26).
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- Residents see a need for increased youth and senior services and activities. Listening session participants told us McCammon residents most go to Pocatello for these activities.
- Upgrading equipment, increasing training and volunteer participation, and generally increasing fire and EMS services was identified as a high priority need that residents want to see addressed to better serve McCammon and the Marsh Valley area.
- City leaders informed us the new fire and EMS vehicles can not be obtained because the vehicle bays at the existing fire station are too small.

Completed in October 2018, Phase II of the McCammon Community Review featured project development and action planning activities in response to the goals and needs identified during Phase I. The community identified focus areas for Phase II to help organize planning efforts. The fire station, new fire/EMS vehicles and related equipment was one of the highest priority projects included in the Community Services focus area. This focus area also addressed the related goal of increasing fire and EMS volunteers. Likewise, the goal of developing a community center was among the highest priority projects selected under the Community, Places, and Events focus area.

Fire Station Project

Residents and visiting professionals described the fire station as a “public safety center” as a way to indicate an interest in exploring a facility that could house fire, EMS, and law enforcement (i.e. Bannock County Sheriff’s office) services. Project development discussions held during Phase II identified the need to include vehicle bays and a training center in the facility. It was also felt that it should be located in a visible and accessible location. It was felt that completing this project would help increase volunteer participation in the fire/EMS services. (See Phase II of McCammon Community Review report, page 9.)

Community Center Project

Project development and action planning efforts relate to developing a community center during Phase II of the Community Review identified a desire to consider incorporating the following elements in the project:

- Senior center
- Health clinic
- Internet café/coffee shop
- Community meeting space
- Food bank
- Rec. center/gym
- Classrooms
- Farmer market
- Youth center



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Appendix A of the Phase II report for the McCammon Community Review documents that a total of \$21,921.15 was invested in Phase II of the Community Review. This investment consists of in-kind contributions of time and other expenses combined with funding used by the Idaho Rural Partnership in direct support of the McCammon Community Review. I encourage you to inquire about the possibility of including this value as local match in grant applications related to this project.

Sincerely,

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Jon Barrett
Executive Director

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Director Tom Kealey
Idaho Department of Commerce
Boise Idaho

Dear Director Kealey,

I thank-you for your time and consideration and I hope that my letter finds you well.

I write to you today regarding the City of McCammon's Community Development Block Grant application.

I would like to express my support for them to receive the grant in order to build a new fire station. They are currently using a maintenance shed that was built almost 50 years ago. The shed doesn't have the size to fit a modern sized fire truck, so they only have trucks built in the 70's and older. They have had the opportunity get some newer used trucks for little to no cost but since the trucks wouldn't fit in the fire station, they had to turn down the opportunity.

This grant of \$500,000 would go a long way to helping get the project started and the city is confident that they can pass a bond for the rest of the funds with more preparation next election.

With this consideration of the needs and plans of the city I request that you consider them for your grant this year. They have done well with very little for so long that it is time they get into the 21st century and get a fire station that matches current technology. This grant will do much to help in the process.

Thank-you again and I look forward to hearing more about this grant in the future.

Sincerely,

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Representative Kevin Andrus



House of Representatives State of Idaho

Director Tom Kealey,
Department of Commerce

Idaho

Dear Tom,

I'm writing this letter in support of the Development Block Grant application for the City of McCammon.

McCammon is a city that is growing and expanding in an organized and efficient way. They have developed some new businesses and strengthened some of their existing operations. I would say that they are a fine example of what should be happening in every town in Idaho; making life more productive, organized and viable for its loyal residents. The mayor and city council have really worked hard on this proposal.

After all these efforts expended, and the steady growth of McCammon, they find themselves in need of a fire station. They have diligently put together an extensive plan and are anxious to move forward.

I would ask for your consideration and help in getting this meaningful grant for a worthy and hardworking community. Please do everything in your power to help us continue to thrive out here in the hinterlands.

Thanks again Tom for your considerable influence,

Representative Randy Armstrong

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