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Brad Gotshall, Township Manager
Lower Paxton Township
425 Prince Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109

**RE: Request to be a Co-Applicant
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg
Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant Program 2023-2024
Saint Samuel Center Security Upgrades Project**

Dear Mr. Gotshall,

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I am writing to request that Lower Paxton Township serve as municipal co-applicant for Catholic Charities' grant application to the Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grants Program 2023-2024. We are seeking support from Lower Paxton Township due to the location and services offered at the Saint Samuel Center.

Since 2012, Catholic Charities has had a presence in Lower Paxton Township through the human services made available at the Saint Samuel Center. The 90-bed residential facility serves individuals who are confronting serious issues such as family homelessness, addiction, domestic abuse, and unplanned pregnancy. The facility provides a comfortable setting with separate areas for three distinct programs: Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, Lourdeshouse Maternity Home, and Evergreen House. Prior to COVID-19, approximately 600 individuals were served by one of the three residential programs at the Saint Samuel Center.

Catholic Charities is seeking Dauphin County Local Share Gaming grant funds to advance the Saint Samuel Center Safety and Security Initiative. Over the last ten years, Catholic Charities has completed more than \$2 million in improvements to the Saint Samuel Center to accommodate each of the three residential programs, including interior improvements, installation of playground equipment, HVAC and generator replacement, sanitary sewer repairs, installation of an elevator, and replacement of windows and doors. However, upgrades to the facility's safety and security systems have long been delayed due to availability of funding.

Catholic Charities has been advised by local officials that the Saint Samuel Center will be unable to accept clients that have a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order until the security upgrades have been completed. The upgrades include installing an access control system, adding a new Aiphone System, installing interior and exterior security cameras, and removing 36 trees from the property that restrict vision. Once these security enhancements are completed, the Saint Samuel Center will be able accept clients with PFAs.

Dauphin County Local Share funding will allow the Saint Samuel Center to expand its services so that it can serve desperate people who already require legal action to protect them from abuse. Considering our recent success in securing \$75,000 in Dauphin County Opioid Remediation Grant program funds together, we would be honored if Lower Paxton Township would serve as our co-applicant as we request \$57,652.74 in Dauphin County Local Share funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Gollick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelly" and last name "Gollick" clearly distinguishable.

Kelly Gollick
Executive Director