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Tamikia Randall  
Executive Director  
Theodore House  
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Dear Ms. Randall:

On behalf of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism I write to express my support for your Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to the Mayor's Office of Human Services Homeless Services Program. The Theodore House, a transitional housing program operating in Southwest Baltimore, will be an asset to the Baltimore Housing First Continuum of Care strategy.

Our department works hard to connect resources such as AmeriCorps members and volunteers to organizations like the Theodore House and we understand that caring for those less fortunate and suffering from addiction and limited access to health care is vital to Baltimore City and Maryland.

Launched in 2006, the Theodore House is an emerging organization with the potential to expand housing options and services for single men at risk of homelessness in the Greater Baltimore region. More than a safe, secure place to live, the Theodore House provides its clients with comprehensive support services including access to health care and education, substance abuse prevention, job readiness training and life skills, and community engagement. The program acknowledges the potential vulnerabilities each client faces through intensive case management and builds upon the protective factors they bring to the program by connecting clients to opportunities to give back to each other and their neighbors.

We fully support the application submitted by the Theodore House, and affirm their efforts to meet the following goals:

- Goal 1: Neighborhood Housing Stability (Community Level). By June 2017, the Theodore House will provide 15 single men who have temporary or long-term barriers to self-sufficiency with stable, permanent housing options and supportive services in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of Baltimore City.

- Goal 2: Program Quality (Agency Level). By June 2017, the Theodore House will achieve a positive exit rate of 80% as a result of the high quality support services provided on site and via referral to community resources. The Theodore House will gather client data to confirm the subpopulations served (employed, formerly institutionalized, language minority, military veteran, etc.) and the physical and mental health issues (chronic health problem, chronic substance abuse, dually diagnosed, living with HIV/AIDS, physical disability, severe mental illness, etc.) clients exhibit when referred to the Theodore House.
- Goal 3: Improved Self-Sufficiency (Individual Level). By June 2017, 80% of clients served will improve their self-sufficiency by accessing income benefits, transitioning to more stable housing, linking to an education or training program, or gaining employment.

Thank you for considering our letter of support. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [jeffrey.griffin@maryland.gov](mailto:jeffrey.griffin@maryland.gov) or my office phone number at 410-767-4803.

Sincerely,



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