
Thank You and Question Regarding Additional Financing Opportunities

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Hello Emilie,

I hope you're doing well.

I wanted to reach out and share some good news regarding our apartment building in Columbia Heights. The program you connected us with through the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) has been a tremendous success. Thanks to that financing, we were able to complete a major phase of improvements, including installing a new roof, new sheathing, structural framing repairs, and new attic insulation.

We are sincerely grateful that you took the time to connect us with this program. It has made a significant difference in preserving and improving our property, and we truly appreciate your willingness to help local property owners access these valuable resources.

While these improvements addressed some of the building's most pressing needs, we remain committed to investing in the property and proactively addressing any issues that arise. One significant challenge we are currently facing is an unexpected water intrusion issue affecting the basement level. This condition was not known or apparent at the time we purchased the building, and unfortunately it has rendered two of the units uninhabitable. Correcting the underlying cause will require a substantial capital investment, but we are committed to resolving it properly to ensure the long-term safety, stability, and preservation of the property. As we work toward that goal, we are exploring every available financing resource that may help us complete these necessary improvements.

With that in mind, I was wondering if you know whether CEE offers additional financing opportunities for projects beyond the initial loan. If not, are you aware of any other city, county, state, nonprofit, utility-sponsored, or other programs that might be able to assist with financing these types of improvements? We are particularly interested in programs that support rehabilitation and preservation of existing multifamily housing.

Any guidance or leads you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for everything you have done—and continue to do—for the City of Columbia Heights. Your dedication to connecting property owners with valuable resources is making a meaningful impact in the community, and we truly appreciate your support.

Warm regards,

James Makau
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