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November 11th, 2021

Mayor Skip Henderson
Columbus Consolidated Government
100 10th Street
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Mayor Henderson,

Feeding the Valley Food Bank (FTV) understands and is prepared to fund the 25% match portion of the CDBG-CV grant opportunity as provided through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Feeding the Valley was the beneficiary of a large, unrestricted gift in late 2020. From that gift, we have dedicated \$1,047,500 to the Flat Rock Road Midland Expansion Project, which should cover our match component of this grant and any line items of this project for which the grant match does not qualify.

During a meeting that included Mr. Rust Haygood, DCA Director, Mr. Tommy Lowman, DCA Deputy Director and other parties, it was agreed that the purchase of the land and construction of a new facility would qualify under this grant. To date, FTV has already invested cash in this project totaling approximately \$275,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Sheppard", is written over a white background.

Frank Sheppard
President & CEO
Feeding the Valley Food Bank



Serving Calhoun, Chattahoochee Clay Dougherty, Harris Lee, Marion Meriwether, Muscogee Quitman Randolph Schley, Stewart Talbot, Terrell, Troup and Webster Counties in Georgia and Russell County in Alabama