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Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

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September 12, 2023

Housing and Community Development Committee
City of Novi
45175 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375

Dear Committee Members:

There are risk factors which can increase the likelihood of negative outcomes on a young person, and there are protective factors that *reduce* the likelihood of negative outcomes.

The Novi Youth Assistance Scholarship program exposes Novi youth to protective factors. The program offers financial assistance for skill-building and enrichment programs to youth in low income families. By participating in the programs and services that our scholarships help families to afford, our youth have the potential to be exposed to the following protective factors (www.ojjdp.gov):

- Prosocial opportunities/opportunities for participation/availability of neighborhood resources
- Presence and involvement of caring/supportive adults
- Involvement with positive peer group activities and norms
- Healthy/conventional beliefs and commitment to community and school

It is the mission of Novi Youth Assistance to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. Novi Youth Assistance has been fortunate to be able to offer the Scholarship program to the Novi community through CDBG funds since 1994. Continued CDBG funding is vital for this program to continue to serve our most vulnerable youth.

Novi Youth Assistance respectfully requests that the committee members consider granting Novi Youth Assistance \$8,000 for the Youth Services program in the 2024 budget year.

Sincerely,

Greg Cocke

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Chairperson, Novi Youth Assistance

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