

## March 17, 2025

Community Development Authority
City of Whitewater
Taylor Zeinert, Economic Development Director
312 W Whitewater St
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Whitewater, WI 53190

Dear Community Development Authority and Taylor,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, as we are committed to providing the highest quality healthcare to the citizens of Whitewater. In line with our mission to better serve the health of the communities that we serve, we are requesting your support in funding an essential piece of equipment for a new Urgent Care Center at our location in Whitewater.

Specifically, we are seeking \$140,000 to assist with the purchase of an X-ray machine. This equipment will be a crucial part of the new Urgent Care Center we plan to establish, which will allow us to provide faster, more efficient care to those in need of immediate medical attention. An X-ray machine is indispensable for diagnosing a wide range of conditions, from fractures and injuries to respiratory issues, and will significantly enhance our ability to deliver timely and accurate diagnoses.

The addition of an Urgent Care Center equipped with advanced diagnostic tools will help reduce wait times for patients, ease the burden on transfers out of town to an emergency department (primarily Ft. Atkinson and Janesville which consumes significant EMS time and cost), and provide a more accessible healthcare option for individuals in need of immediate care. It will also help to meet the growing demand for healthcare services in Whitewater, particularly during off-hours when other medical facilities may not be as accessible. Our plan would be to operate the Urgent Care Center seven days a week and be open for 10 hours each day.

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We believe that this investment will have a direct and positive impact on the health and well-being of the community members. The funding will ensure that we are able to provide the highest level of care and maintain the hospital's reputation as a trusted and reliable healthcare provider.

I kindly ask that you consider our request for the \$140,000 allocation to support this vital project. We are happy to provide any additional information or details about the Urgent Care Center and the X-ray machine purchase if needed. In addition, I'd be happy to meet with the Community Development Authority or Common Council in person to further discuss. Edgerton Hospital is happy to enter into a "forgivable loan" agreement whereby we guarantee our commitment to remain in Whitewater for years into the future. Your approval of this funding would greatly assist us in meeting the urgent healthcare needs of the community and strengthening the local healthcare infrastructure.

Thank you for your time, attention, and continued support. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you in making this important improvement to Whitewater's healthcare services.

Sincerely,

Marc Augsburger MBA, BSN, RHCEOC President and Chief Executive Officer Edgerton Hospital and Health Services