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Dear Members of the Town Council,

On behalf of the Warsaw Richmond County Main Street Program, I respectfully request that the Town Council of the Town of Warsaw consider adopting a **Resolution of Support** for our application to the **Virginia Main Street Community Vitality Grant**, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Community Vitality Grant is designed to assist designated Main Street communities with public-facing projects that strengthen downtown vitality, enhance placemaking, and support long-term economic development. As outlined in the Virginia Main Street Program Guidelines, formal local government support is an important component of a competitive application and demonstrates a shared commitment to revitalization efforts.

If awarded, grant funds will be used to support the relaunch and rebranding of the Warsaw Richmond County Main Street Program through several public-facing initiatives, which may include:

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- Installation of **public Wi-Fi** in the Town Park and potentially other downtown locations
 - Development of a **new Main Street website** to improve communication, visibility, and engagement
 - Implementation of **placemaking amenities**, such as a picnic pavilion or similar public improvement, to encourage community use of downtown spaces

These projects are intended to enhance quality of life, encourage local activity, and strengthen the role of Main Street as a focal point for the Town of Warsaw. Adoption of a resolution of support by the Town Council will demonstrate the Town's partnership with the Main Street Program and its commitment to continued revitalization and community development. We would be happy to provide draft resolution language or attend a council meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We greatly appreciate the Town's continued support of the Main Street Program.

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Dear Members of the Town Council,

On behalf of the Warsaw Richmond County Main Street Program, I am writing to propose a **Public Wi-Fi project** that will be led, funded, and maintained by Main Street, and to respectfully request permission to install the necessary equipment within the **Saddlery Building**.

This project is intended to serve as a highly visible, high-impact public initiative that improves connectivity, enhances public spaces, and strengthens the public profile of the Main Street Program while providing a direct benefit to residents and visitors.

Project Overview

The Main Street Program proposes to install and operate public Wi-Fi infrastructure that would serve the Town Park and potentially adjacent public areas. Main Street would:

- **Fully fund the purchase and installation** of all equipment
- **Assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance, service, and upkeep**
- Coordinate installation in a manner that minimizes disruption and preserves the integrity of the building

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The Saddlery Building has been identified as an ideal, centrally located site to house the equipment due to its proximity and accessibility.

Depending on final project costs and available funding, Main Street may also pursue the following optional enhancements as part of the same initiative:

- A **weather station** providing publicly accessible local conditions
- A **public webcam**, potentially showcasing a “Welcome to Warsaw” sign or views of either the Town Park or Main Street, promoting community pride and visibility

These enhancements would further increase the project’s value by providing real-time, public-facing content that highlights Warsaw to residents, visitors, and those viewing remotely.

This project would provide Main Street with a tangible, visible initiative that directly serves the public, reinforces downtown as a community hub, and supports economic and community development efforts. Importantly, it does so **without requiring financial investment or ongoing operational responsibility from the Town.**

We believe this project aligns well with the Town’s goals of improving quality of life, enhancing public amenities, and supporting revitalization efforts.

We respectfully request the Town’s approval to locate the necessary equipment within the Saddlery Building and would be happy to provide technical details, equipment specifications, or attend a council meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Warsaw Richmond County Main Street Program.

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