



City of Southfield

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Michigan Municipal League Foundation'
1675 Green Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Southfield DDA's application for a micro-grant from the Bridge Builders/Main Street fund.

The city is partnering with numerous others in Southfield as well as the adjoining Nine Mile Road communities of Hazel Park, Ferndale, Oak Park, Farmington and Farmington Hills in an exciting initiative for the revitalization of this corridor. Our working title is Nine Mile Corridor for Connectivity. Placemaking and Recreation.

In Southfield we have begun Phase One which encompasses the section of the DDA that is on Nine Mile. The area has lost some luster as several large buildings have been demolished. Bright spots are the total rehabilitation of the Adona Apartments by Contour Companies and the rehabilitation of two office towers, Epicenter and Nine Mile Crossing. Both of these buildings are almost fully leased.

We are grateful for the backing of both SEMCOG and Oakland County Economic Development for this multi-jurisdictional project. Additionally, many others have or will invest in the transformation of Nine Mile in Southfield.

Should the MML Foundation favor this project it will serve as another piece in the mosaic of partners who have joined this effort. As a city that has been a long-time member of the Michigan Municipal League, we hope we will have the foundation's support.

Sincerely yours,

Kenson J. Siver, Ed. D.
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