

May 25, 2023

Rachel Skylis  
Program Officer  
Michigan Municipal League Foundation  
1675 Green Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Dear Ms. Skylis,

The Benton Harbor Success Movement, the property owner of 200 E Empire, is pleased to support the Benton Harbor Community Development Corporation's (BHCDC) application for the Bridge Builders Neighborhood microgrant to bring together artisans, business owners, and neighbors for the inaugural BH Bazar Vendor Market.

The BHCDC is an outstanding organization that is community-driven. It values listening to the people in our community, allowing their voices to give guidance to programming so that needs are truly met. This organization is committed to strengthening the city of Benton Harbor and they have stepped up to empower, educate, and guide residents to transform our community from the inside out.

We are excited to help build upon this work, by hosting the bazar at our property in the Empire Corridor. Our community is already stronger thanks to the hard work, vision, and dedication of the Benton Harbor Community Development Corporation. With funds from MMLF, their work and mission can spread even further by giving residents of Benton Harbor a much needed and desired event designed to strengthen social cohesion. This work will deepen the support already offered by the BHCDC; strengthening trust, building community, and creating safer neighborhoods in Benton Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Ronnie O. King*

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Ron King  
Executive Director