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Ms. Stephanie Reyes
Interim City Manager
City of San Marcos
San Marcos, TX 78666

By email: sreyes@sanmarcostx.gov

Dear Ms. Reyes:

Thank you for your time last week to meet with you and your team for discussion about the city's Funding Agreement to CASA of Central Texas for our Training & Support Center capital project. Construction on this new facility was completed in July 2020. The project was successful due in large part to the City of San Marcos. We are deeply grateful to the city's leadership and your financial support to ensure stable infrastructure for unduplicated and ongoing services for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

The funding agreement was valued at \$450,000.00.

payments:

- Apr 2020, \$90,653.20 (Oct 2018, Oct 2019)
- Nov 2020, \$45,326.60 (Oct 2020)
- Jan 2022, \$45,326.60 (Oct 2021)

Now that facility construction is complete, our primary goal is to pay off our construction loan balance of \$344,590.55 (as of 7/29/22). Our fundraising activities were strong and successful until the final year of the campaign. At the onset of the COVID19 pandemic, our leadership energies needed to be redirected. Capital fundraising slowed to a halt, thus, leaving an unplanned debt. CASA of Central Texas holds no other debt and is motivated to once again be debt-free and redirect almost \$56,000 of future bank loan interest toward needed program services for children.

We, therefore, come to you with the following two requests for your consideration:

- a) At the city's earliest ability, accelerate payment of the remaining 6-year balance of the city's commitment.
- b) Make an additional one-time payment of \$72,630 so that CASA of Central Texas may fully and finally close out this construction project.

Again, we are deeply grateful for the city's support and we certainly understand the challenges of managing tight budgets in the current economy. As mentioned during our meeting, we hope you see this proposal as a "win-win" – for the city, for CASA, and adding one more "win" – for the children and youth of our community.

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Kindly,

Norma Castilla-Blackwell
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