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March 6, 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator for New Hampshire
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

On behalf of UNH Cooperative Extension, I am writing in support of Carroll County's request for funding to repurpose the former Carroll County Nursing Home into a multi-use community hub. If renovated, the space could be utilized by diverse community organizations, including UNH Cooperative Extension, to support local needs for professional development, adult education, and educational programming for youth and families.

We envision a number of opportunities to use this space that will enhance our ability to create resilient communities, preserve land and waters in the granite state, foster strong youth development, and support local food security.

UNH Cooperative Extension works to strengthen key industries in New Hampshire, develop vibrant communities, foster healthy families and an engaged citizenry. If repurposed and renovated, we envision leveraging the space in the following capacities:

4-H Youth Development programming focused on STEM

Refurbishing this space can help achieve the goal of a work-force ready youth and citizenry by enhancing STEM-based learning opportunities in the County. Skill development with 3D printing, laser cutting, and operating drones are some of the areas where Extension 4-H training can dovetail with programming offered by Carroll County Adult Education.

Forestry and Agriculture

Agriculture contributes 1.6% of total state GDP, with forestry contributing nearly 4% state GDP. In a rural and heavily forested county like Carroll, our work helps support these industries and professionals working with them. The county complex sits on approximately 890 acres of farm and forest land. Both the farmland and the forestland are being actively managed. Over the years, UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialists have conducted timber harvests and implemented agricultural research on the property. Having a community hub at the complex would improve our ability to share (thru a living classroom) the latest research and information regarding sustainable resource management and climate resilience.

Nutrition and Food Safety Programming

Local and national food security along with safe, affordable, and accessible food and food products is a major focus of our work which benefits county and state residents. Having a

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certified commercial kitchen and teaching space within the planned community hub would enhance opportunities for nutrition programming in addition to food safety topics. With a facility like this, educators would be able to provide technical assistance to citizens as well as entrepreneurs interested in producing and selling safe and nutritious food products.

UNH Professional Development & Training Opportunities

There is currently a strong demand for professional development and resources for K-12 educators in Carroll County. Teachers up north who are required to get continuing education credits (CEUs) for their licensure are very excited to participate in trainings closer to home. When UNH Professional Development and Training brought several programs to a satellite office in North Conway, NH prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, many teachers said having access to programs closer to their homes saved them fuel, time, and energy.

UNH Professional Development and Training provides a host of K-12 Education and Counseling workshops online and through the Portsmouth and Manchester campuses, all of which are designed to increase the skill-level of educators. These workshops could be offered and available to teachers in Carroll County, should this space be available for use.

Beyond K-12 educator resources, a space in the county could provide programming and resources specific to workforce groups and small businesses.

Workforce Training to Support Higher Wage Job Opportunities for Residents

Though industries such as manufacturing, technology, and healthcare employ a relatively small number of workers in Carroll County, there is potential for more activity in these sectors. Improvements in infrastructure, such as access to broadband, and investment in career technical and vocational technical training can provide opportunities for residents interested in manufacturing, technology, and healthcare.

There are also strong opportunities in the outdoor recreation and tourism sector. Contrary to popular belief, this sector doesn't have to mean low-wage service jobs. In fact, there are high-paying opportunities in lodging and retail, but there is both a worker shortage and a skill gap in the region. UNH Extension's Community and Economic Development team has been embarking on projects specifically related to outdoor economy workforce development opportunities. A community hub at the county complex can provide space for UNH Cooperative Extension workforce training programs as well as opportunities for other area non-profits.

Community Meeting Space

Resilient communities require space and opportunities to gather and connect. A community meeting space and conference room with tables, seating, video conference equipment, and high-speed internet will help local residents with professional development, and potentially provide office co-working space for new and existing small businesses.

In closing, UNH Cooperative Extension supports Carroll County's request for funding to repurpose the old county nursing home into a multi-use facility for County residents. We

see great opportunities to use this space to increase access and participation in our programs. We are excited about the opportunities this space will provide.

Sincerely,



Wendy Scribner
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March 7, 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

I am writing this letter in support of your consideration for the needed funding to renovate and repurpose the unused former Carroll County Nursing Home, now known as the Annex building.

The renovation would include new office space for existing departments that are crammed into the Carroll County Administration building. The renovation would allow the Carroll County Finance, Human Resources, and Business Offices to move to the renovated building.

This would then allow space to be available for the Sheriff's Office, County Attorney's Office and Registry of Deeds to gain the much-needed space for a better working environment. Currently the Sheriff's Dispatch Center is in a remodel stage to expand the working area for the health and welfare of the Dispatchers. The remodel has decreased space for the other divisions within the Sheriff's Office.

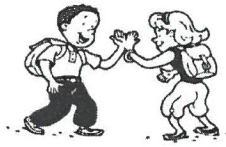
By renovating the Annex building, this will enable the County to have adequate office space in all the facilities and to possibly allow some room for nonprofit agencies to have use.

I urge you to support the funding for Carroll County so that this project can be completed. It will be of great use and benefit to many for years to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Domenic M. Richardi".

Domenic M. Richardi
Sheriff



End 68 Hours of Hunger

Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Tuftonboro, Ossipee, Effingham, Middleton

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

Our local Wolfeboro Chapter of the nationwide nonprofit, End 68 Hours of Hunger strongly endorses the plans for the development of the former Carroll County Nursing home building which is currently vacant.

End 68 Hours of Hunger's mission is to provide weekend meals and snacks for food insufficient children in the six towns of the Governor Wentworth School District: Ossipee, Effingham, Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Brookfield, and Middleton.

During our nine years of existence, we have moved our food storage location 8 times as local institutions tried to provide us space within their own changing needs. Huggins Hospital, Brewster Academy and All Saints Episcopal Church, where we currently reside, have provided us space. But we do not necessarily have a permanent home. Potentially this would provide space for a stable site for End 68 Hours of Hunger thus placing us nearer to our largest population of need.

The renovation of the Carroll County complex would be an enormous plus for the community of Ossipee and the County. This multipurpose facility would provide the critically needed space for the use of nonprofits, like End 68 Hours of Hunger and for the consolidation of space for the services for the County. Although we are established in our current location, we understand the value of permanency in a central location.

In addition, this renovation would be the environmentally conscious thing to do. If this complex were to be ignored and left to deteriorate, it would become a hazardous waste site and a safety issue for Carroll County. It is with great enthusiasm, that we support the renovation of the Carroll County Grant.

Sincerely,

Jan Brooks, Carol Simpson, Eileen Leavitt, Program Coordinators, End 68 Hours of Hunger, Wolfeboro Chapter

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End 68 Hours of Hunger is a 501 @ (3) charity.

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click on Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Ossipee, Middleton- End 68 Hours... scroll to the bottom of the page and click on donate to this community.

Tax ID: 45-0998251

Website: **End 68 Hours of Hunger Wolfeboro**



Office of the Carroll County Attorney
Michaela D. O'Rourke-Andruzzi
County Attorney



February 27, 2023



The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator for New Hampshire
506 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

I hope this letter finds you well. We thank you for considering Carroll County as a recipient of funding to be able to accommodate non-profits in a currently unused building on the County Complex.

As a resident of Carroll County and the elected County Attorney, I speak to the need for services to our residents. We are a rural county with limited resources. We are a geographically expansive county where our residents often travel great distances for services. Making resources available in a convenient and centrally located facility will benefit our residents.

Furthermore, Carroll County owns this former nursing home and it sits unused. Rather than tearing down and rebuilding, it would save time and resources to update and refurbish the existing structure in order to quickly make it available for people to use.

I strongly support the use of this facility in the manner set forth by our Board of Commissioners and am happy to answer any questions you may have for me. Thank you so much for your consideration and your time.

Respectfully,

Michaela D. Andruzzi
(Wolfeboro, NH)
Carroll County Attorney

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3/7/2023

Re: Mountain View Annex

To whom it may concern:

My name is Bob Murray. I am the Carroll County Facilities Director. I am fully engaged and aware of the current existing space problems that Carroll County is experiencing. These space problems are in direct conflict with current and future air quality and health concerns that have become quite evident since the Covid pandemic began. We have multiple offices in multiple buildings that have people doubled up in small offices. We have multiple closets that have been converted to office space. We have storage issues that do not permit proper long term storage of PPE and medical equipment.

By remodeling/reconstructing the Mountain View Annex, we will be afforded the opportunity to provide a healthier work environment for our employees, provide adequate warehouse space for central distribution facilities, and provide much needed space for county mental health, education, meeting space, and other services...ALL contributing to the goal of healthier environments.

We have the space in the existing structure of the building. It just needs to be put to better use. With the potential availability of grant funds that address the specific uses that we are proposing, I see this as a win/win for the federal government, county government/facilities, employees, nursing home residents, and people of Carroll County.

Please accept this as my recommendation for grant funding as applied.

Sincerely,

Bob Murray
Director of Facilities, Carroll County
Carroll County Department of Correction
Mountain View Community (nursing home)
Carroll County Attorney
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Carroll County Registry of Deeds
Carroll County Administration



The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

My name is Mitchell Yeaton. I am the CEO and founder of White Horse Addiction Center, Inc. also known as White Horse Recovery. We provide behavioral health services that include mental health and substance use disorder in Carroll County and points north. We see approx 250 clients annually in treatment and over 1000 in our resource centers.

I have learned that Carroll County is in the process of applying for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Annex (former Carroll County Nursing Home) project. This is a critical project for this county and directly aligns with significant parts of our program. We want to offer a full continuum of care which includes things that will be offered at the revitalized annex building. Hands on education programs, vocational training, health resources, computer training and more.

The most successful models for treatment include a holistic approach that wraps services around people to help them with daily life long after the treatment ends. This leads to personal growth and transformational care that truly heals. This facility when complete will go a long way to lifting this community and the people we serve.

Please consider fully funding this grant for Carroll County. Work with us as we make NH the place where Hope comes to live! If you have any questions please feel free to call at the number below

Thank you!

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

My name is Crystal Sawyer and I am the Director of Carroll County Adult Education (CCAIE). I am writing on behalf of the Congressionally Directed Spending project to help renovate the Carroll County Annex building. If renovated, we are proposing several in person and hybrid diploma classes, HiSET and English Second Language tutoring/classes, computer literacy (including telehealth), workforce trainings and certifications. CCAIE currently holds a HiSET program at the neighboring jail, Carroll County Corrections, in which the transition from the jail to the Annex to complete and obtain a HiSET would be seamless and most beneficial for the student when released.

As a WIOA (Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act) partner our goal is to guarantee job placement and needed social services for our community; this includes workforce training. In southern Carroll County, there is

very little workforce training. CCAE provides AHLEI Hospitality Certification trainings that benefit and support the abundance of hotels, motels, inn's and bed and breakfast's located throughout the county. These classes would also be offered at the Annex with video conferencing to employees of hotels throughout NH.

Along with hospitality trainings we would offer our other certifications such as an FAA Drone certification that would include aiding our local law enforcement in emergency situations. The Annex is especially ideal for this training because of the surrounding landscape, clear of brush and trees.

If granted the funds to renovate the Annex, CCAE will offer a beginner Commercial Driving License training that is required to obtain a CDL in NH. This training could lead to becoming a Registered Training Provider (RTP). The closest RTP to Ossipee, at this time, is over 30 miles away.

Our trainings, certifications and classes can provide careers and opportunities for the citizens of southern Carroll County at a location that is convenient for them. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and considering the Carroll County Annex for this grant.

Kind Regards,

Crystal Sawyer
Crystal Sawyer
Director
Carroll County Adult Education



March 5, 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator for New Hampshire
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

This is a letter of support for the Carroll County plan to repurpose the former nursing home and create a community hub of municipal, educational, and social services. The building will be a multi-use facility, including the County administration offices, classroom, office space to assist non-profit agencies in delivering education, health services, and vocational training, and an emergency response facility for the community. This building will have the potential to be a small business incubator. The building will also continue to serve as a space for the information technology, laundry, maintenance, and central purchasing department for the County complex and house the pellet boiler system that provides a backup heat and hot water source for the new nursing home.

Funds for this project will be used to renovate the entire building. This includes insulation, flooring and ceiling installations, asbestos abatement, replacing windows and doors, modernizing the electrical, lighting, and HVAC systems to achieve utmost energy efficiency, and air quality improvements. Upgrading all commercial kitchen appliances and equipment, furnishing, landscaping, constructing an adjacent garage, parking lot improvements, and all other necessary work to complete this project. This project is shovel-ready, pending funding approval.

This building will house programs that are working hard to serve Carroll County. All these programs in one place open more ways to collaborate, serve and strengthen the community in ways that would not have happened otherwise.

I am Misty Ryder, the executive director of Ossipee Concerned Citizens Inc. We are a nutritional meal program for older adults and disabled adults. We deliver a homemade meal (Meals on Wheels) and have congregate dining. We provide meals for Southern Carroll County. We also have a childcare program, and we are looking to expand.

Kind Regards

Misty Ryder



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27 February 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Senator Shaheen,

Re: Support for funding restoration of the Annex building.

Carroll County offices are located in the administration building on the County complex in Ossipee New Hampshire. The Carroll County Delegation, The Carroll County Commissioner's office, the Human Resources office, Sheriff Department, the Dispatch Center, the County Attorney's office, the Finance office, the Registry of Deeds office, maintenance and the Information Technology office currently use this building.

All available space in the administration building has been converted into offices, including closets, hallways and portions of the storage vault. Equipment sits in stairwells because closets house staff offices. In one instance, people are working in a space without windows, an area that was designed to serve as a closet. There is critical need for more office space for some departments.

Restoration of the former nursing home, now known as the Annex, could provide much needed meeting and office space. The Annex restoration would allow some offices to relocate, freeing up some space in the administration building. Hallways could be cleared, the vault could return to cold storage, closets could once again be used as closets and the stairwells could be cleared of hazards.

Currently the Annex serves as a critical part of the Carroll County Complex infrastructure housing the boiler, the laundry, maintenance department, and storage areas. The Annex has many existing underutilized rooms. To successfully provide the County much needed office and meeting space, the building needs major restoration.

Restoration of the Annex could solve the current need for more office space at the Carroll County Complex. Please award Carroll County grant funding for restoration of the Annex building.

Most sincerely,

Lisa Scott
Register of Deeds



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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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March 7, 2023

Dear Senator Shaheen,

I am writing to formally commit Carroll County Coalition for Public Health's (C3PH) support for Carroll County's plan to renovate and reimagine the former county nursing home, known as the "Carroll County Annex." Converting this now mostly unutilized space into a vibrant community space is a fruitful use of public dollars. The space will offer opportunities for the public to engage with our county's non-profits and offers the potential to serve as a small business incubator. Moreover, it helps to build a better sense of community in the greater Ossipee area.

The County Annex project has been in development for the past few years and now sits at a place where it is "shovel ready." The last remaining funding needed to bring this project to fruition, injected through your Congressional Directed Spending initiative, will positively impact the people of Carroll County, along with the non-profit agencies that serve them. Furthermore, offering space within the Annex for accessing technology and bringing people and agencies together will incubate ideas that will result in improved quality of life and economic opportunity.

Finally being able to fully utilize the County Annex will result in exponentially positive outcomes for the people and non-profit agencies of the county. This long dormant space can become a vibrant place for community members to engage with non-profit agencies and each other. This final injection of funding through your Congressional Directed Spending initiative will make this long-held desire to better use this space a reality that greatly benefit the people of Carroll County.

Respectfully,

Caleb Gilbert | Director of Public Health

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March 6, 2023

Mellisa Seamans
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Re: Renovation of Carroll County's Former Nursing Home

Dear Mellisa,

Carroll County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) supports the plans to renovate Carroll County's former nursing home to create a community hub of municipal, educational, and social services. RSVP's work includes volunteer non-emergency medical transportation and Meals on Wheels delivery for the entire Carroll County. Our present office is in Conway, and we would greatly benefit from having access to the use of office space in the southern part of the County. Having a physical presence in the southern part of Carroll County would give RSVP more creditability and give our staff a better opportunity to promote the services that we offer, work closer with existing volunteers and partners, and engage new volunteer and partner in southern Carroll County.

Sincerely,

Mary Carey Seavey, Director
Carroll County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)



The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator for New Hampshire
506 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Shaheen,
Dear DHHS Contract Unit,

I am pleased to support Carroll County in the proposal plans to repurpose the former nursing home to multi-use facility which is much needed for collaboration and community engagement in Carroll County.

Goodwin Community Health WIC Program has jurisdiction in Carroll County in relation to ensuring access to food and nutrition through supplemental health services. Although WIC has had clinics in Carroll County for over 20 years, we have failed at locating a building to have a clinic in Ossipee. With meeting majority of community agencies and community access programs through The Ossipee Roundtable, we are hopeful to utilize this location to provide food, nutrition, social services and referrals to families residing in Carroll County.

Community members rely on the WIC program to provide supplemental nutrition and education. It would be great to have a multisite to be a part of to reduce barriers for individuals in the community and specifically provide healthy food and dietary assessments and in house referrals in a centralized town with high Medicaid population.

The Annex will provide a centralized location community resources, cohesiveness and space for growth and education within the County and provide room for supplies in a central location for community member and help agencies. This creation will better the community and create opportunity for growth.

If you have any questions please contact me directly,

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