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Maura K. Thomson  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Thomson

The Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) is producing a documentary called “The Road Home”, addressing mental health, housing, and homelessness in Washtenaw County. The AAHC requesting a \$25,000 grant from the DDA to support the creation of this documentary. The total cost to create the documentary is \$347,120. The AAHC is requesting sponsorships from local governments, businesses and philanthropic organizations. The City of Ann Arbor has committed \$50,000 for the documentary and Washtenaw County has not provided a final commitment amount, but it is expected to be at least \$100,000.

The goal of this documentary is to foster unity among stakeholders by creating an educational platform that raises awareness, facilitates dialogue, and inspires coordinated action. By connecting facts to emotions and personal experiences, a documentary becomes a bridge between information and empathy, highlighting not just problems but also solutions.

“The Road Home” will be premiering on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Michigan Theater, with a second show on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be showing the documentary throughout the County in 2026. “The Road Home” will be available for organizations throughout the County to share with local audiences and stakeholders to increase awareness and garner support for affordable housing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,

*Jennifer Hall*

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