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The Honorable Sylvia Burwell Secretary U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20201-0007

RE: CFDA number 93.570; Funding Opportunity Number HHS-2014-ACF-OCS-EE-0817

Dear Secretary Burwell:

I am pleased to write in support of Impact Seven, Inc.'s application for a FY 2016 Community Economic Development (CED) grant. Funding will assist Impact Seven and its partner, Gorman & Company, with the redevelopment of a historic downtown building in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Impact Seven is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Community Development Corporation that organizes the resources and capacities of low-income communities to enhance economic development initiatives throughout the state. Over the past 45 years, Impact Seven has helped create jobs, assist successful business ventures, and provide high-quality affordable housing for low-income households in Wisconsin. With CED funding, Impact Seven seeks to redevelop a historic building into an 80-room boutique hotel, the Heritage House Hotel, in downtown Kenosha. The adaptive reuse project is expected to create 50 full-time hotel and restaurant jobs, with 32 full-time positions targeted to low-income individuals. It is my understanding that Impact Seven will work with Gorman & Company and a local workforce development and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) service provider to recruit and screen income-eligible applicants and provide supportive services for employees. The partners believe the Heritage House Hotel project will help catalyze development in this critical downtown corridor within the City of Kenosha.

I strongly support projects that seek to revitalize Wisconsin communities and create opportunities for economic growth. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to Impact Seven's application for Community Economic Development (CED) grant funding. Please keep me updated on the progress of this application and contact my Madison office should you have further questions or concerns. You can reach staff in my Madison office at 30 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison WI 53703, by phone at (608) 264-5338, and by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baldwin

United States Senator