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RE: Village of Milan—Great Urban Parks Campaign Grant Application

Dear Committee Members:

As our three-county region's planning and development district, we are pleased and excited to be part of this ambitious application, which pits the needs and aspirations of a small town in rural western New Mexico against the sophistication of much larger places and spaces in our country.

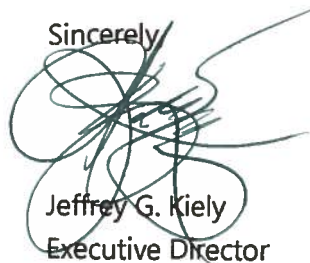
We believe in the project, and in the people who have locked arms over nearly a generation to work toward its realization. We hope we might be able to model what a small town can do with a little bit of hope, elbow grease and community solidarity to meet the educational, social and recreational needs of its citizens – especially those arising in the upcoming generations.

The people of the Village of Milan are clearly taking their future into their own hands, after generations of riding the turbulent boom-and-bust cycles their economy has been subjected to. They are looking at their well-worn facilities as assets and their technical and environmental challenges as opportunities, while staying committed to their #1 asset – the children and youth of their community.

This project represents a synergy of purposes, primarily: implementing flood plain improvements that promote safety and protect people and property; and co-designing these improvements to create new recreational assets that serve the quality of life aspirations of the Village's residents and visitors.

We invite your investment in this humble, and yet mighty, community effort, which we are certain will generate many heart-warming stories of hope, community and revitalization for years to come.

Sincerely,



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