



RE: Northfield Community Resource Center EV Charging Station

Dear members of the 2025 CERT Seed Grant Application committee,

The Community Action Center (CAC) is pleased to support the City of Northfield's application for the 2025 CERT Seed Grant award. The proposal, for a "Community Resource Center EV Charging Station," would meet a definite community need.

CAC is a basic needs social service organization. Through a combination of food access, housing support, recovery, and employment programs, CAC helps more than 6,500 unique households every year.

CAC's main location is in the Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC). It includes a CAC food shelf and a "Resource Center," a no-appointment-needed social service hub. Last year 3,415 unique Northfield households visited CAC's NCRC location.

Many of CAC's program participants need transportation support. It is essential for their economic and social wellbeing, getting them to work and keeping their families connected to the community through activities such as sports leagues and the arts. An increasing number of CAC program participants have electronic vehicles. An electronic charging station at the NCRC would provide a convenient charging location for thousands of households.

The City of Northfield's proposal would help CAC achieve its mission of promoting a healthy, caring, and just community for all.

Sincerely,

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