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Charles Lavery III, Chair
Belmont Housing Authority
59 Pearson Road
Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Mr. Lavery,

We are pleased to write with information relative to the application of the Belmont Housing Authority for Community Preservation Act funding for the electrical upgrade project at Belmont Village.

We understand that the BHA is seeking CPA funds to update the interior wiring in one of its properties, Belmont Village, and that CPA monies would supplement the limited state funding that is available for the project and allow BHA to spend more of its resources maintaining and improving its other properties.

The Commonwealth's Department of Housing & Community Development has stated in a letter of support for this application that with their new formula funding strategy, large projects such as this will be extremely difficult for them to completely fund. Therefore DHCD encourages local housing authorities to seek additional funding for capital projects through such sources as CPA and Community Development Block Grants.



The preservation of public housing is important to the Belmont community and we appreciate the efforts of the Belmont Housing Authority to obtain the necessary funding. DHCD's letter is consistent with our understanding of the limited capital funds available at the state level. While preservation of housing is a high state priority, available funds do not allow the state to meet all compelling needs. Therefore it is critical for local authorities to seek local funds.

Sincerely,



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