



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

December 20, 2021

Re: Support for Appleseed Development LLC's Capital Investment Program grant application for Chapman's Place

Dear Members of the Vermont ACCD CIP Team,

I'm writing in support of Appleseed Development LLC's Capital Investment Program grant application for Chapman's Place. As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic it is important to identify projects that will be able to give back to and strengthen our communities. Appleseed Development LLC's proposed project, Chapman Place, would help strengthen the Fairlee community by creating jobs, attracting visitors, and transforming areas of blight into accessible community space. The project has widespread community support, with over 275 community members signing onto a letter of support. The proposed project, Chapman Place, would create numerous types of employment opportunities across different businesses. Its diverse set of offerings from retail, dining establishments, and event space would help attract visitors and position the town of Fairlee as a tourist destination. The effects of the project would reach throughout the greater Fairlee community and include plans to partner with a local farm to provide fresh Vermont ingredients for the pizzeria, provide space for dozens of local artisans to showcase their wares at a gallery, and provide a retail setting for locally baked goods to be sold at a café. This is a project created by Fairlee community members to strengthen Fairlee's public offerings and is the exact kind of project the state should be investing in.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly R. Gray".

Molly Gray

Vermont Lieutenant Governor