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Ms. Debra Beavin  
Economic Development Representative,  
Connecticut, Massachusetts & Rhode Island  
Economic Development Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
900 Market Street  
Room 602  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Debra:

I am writing to support the City of East Providence's application for EDA funding to support a feasibility study that will lead to the creation of a multi-use small business, blue economy, food production and arts incubator. The facility will create new jobs through business startups and provide resources to ensure a greater level of success for these businesses.

Washington Trust is an active lender in the community and offers small business solutions which include personalized service by advisors who know the local business environment. Our institution is a Small Business Administration (SBA) Preferred Lender and one of the top lenders for SBA 504 loans in Rhode Island.

The proposed incubator space at the Oldham School would be a benefit to our institution, and to the local economy, by promoting entrepreneurship and the formation of small businesses in East Providence and beyond.

Washington Trust fully supports the City's grant application and looks forward to its implementation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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