



April 20, 2022

Community Development Advisory Committee
City of Concord
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Committee Members:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central New Hampshire and Penacook Community Center (PCC) have merged and plan to build an 8900 square foot facility to replace the PCC's current structures at 76 Community Drive. The new building will house an early learning center and after school program, as well as designated space for Concord Library's Penacook Branch and small gatherings of residents.

The PCC's infant, toddler and preschool classrooms will hold 46 children. The after school/summer camp program space will accommodate an additional 45 youth. If demand grows, we have the option to expand school age programs to Penacook Elementary and the Washington Street School. We anticipate serving 135-145 Penacook children and youth each year in our various programs. Before the COVID-19 shutdown, the Penacook Branch of the library served about 3000 patrons annually.

The capital campaign budget is \$4.3 million. The following funding is secured or pending:

Secured

Startup cash from merger:	\$500,000
Gifts from three private donors:	<u>\$1,525,000</u>
Total secured to date:	\$2,025,000

Pending Requests

CDFA Tax Credit Grant	\$600,000
Fidelity Foundation	\$500,000
Rotary Club	\$100,000
Demoulas Foundation	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total pending to date:	\$1,300,000

We are well into the planning process and hope to break ground in spring 2023, if not earlier. Milestone will be our construction partner. The new facility will be ADA compliant and energy efficient, including an array of solar roof panels.

The early learning and youth program budgets at PCC are projected to be self-sustaining once fully enrolled. We accept State of NH Child Care subsidies and provide need-based financial assistance to school-aged members. We anticipate that about 55% of the families we serve will be low-moderate income (at or below 80% of area household median income).

We're excited to revitalize the Penacook Community Center and can't wait to serve the community there. I hope you'll consider this project worthy of advancement through the Community Development Block Grant process. Please feel free to reach out to me at (603) 568-0923 or emond@nhyouth.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Emond", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Emond, CEO