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Dear City Councilmembers,

Attached, please find a comment letter from the Housing Development Consortium in support of the CDBG Allocation for Ronald Commons. Thank you for your continued commitment to addressing affordable housing needs in Shoreline. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

All the best,

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RE: CDBG Allocation for Ronald Commons

Dear City Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Shoreline's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations and for considering the CDBG allocation for Ronald Commons. Housing is one of the biggest challenges facing local communities. As such, **HDC strongly supports allocating a portion of block grant funds to Ronald Commons.** Shoreline has been a leader on affordable housing issues in King County, and this allocation is another example of ongoing support.

Compass Housing Alliance provides housing, shelter, and support services to people experiencing homelessness and poverty in the Puget Sound Region. In partnership with Ronald United Methodist Church, Compass is working to create an affordable, safe, and caring place to live for community members who need it most. Ronald Commons will serve individuals, families, and military veterans emerging from homelessness. We know this housing is critical to improving housing stability and opportunity in our region.

Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan supports "exploring all available options for financing affordable housing." Throughout the development of Ronald Commons, Shoreline has been a strong partner in supporting this inclusive development. If approved, the 2015 CDBG allocation will only solidify that commitment.

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Thank you for your continued work to ensure everyone in Shoreline can have a safe, healthy, affordable home.

Best,



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