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Craig Weinaug
County Administrator
Douglas County
1100 Massachusetts Ave.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Diane Stoddard
Interim City Manager
City of Lawrence
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Lawrence, KS 66044

RE: Supplemental funding request for 2016 budget year

Dear Ms. Stoddard and Mr. Weinaug,

After discussion with staff and the Health Board I write to ask that you enhance your investments in the health of our residents by increasing your support of the Health Department. Specifically, that total city-county funding is increased by \$120,741. Assuming that this request will be supported and the traditional funding agreement of 60 percent County and 40 percent City followed this represents an additional \$72,444 from Douglas County and \$48,297 from the City of Lawrence.

These funds will be used to support our work in the following ways.

Insurance billing - \$48,409 to consolidate our insurance billing processes into one full time staff person. With the expansion of health insurance coverage nationwide we are working to increase our insurance billing capacity. Currently this responsibility is shared between our Director of Administrative Services, our Financial Specialist and one Office Assistant. Consolidation provides the following benefits; improved focus and attention to filing claims and resubmitting claim denials, enhanced revenue, and improved management of administrative operations by allowing our Director of Administrative Services to focus on higher level projects and issues.

Care coordination for seniors - \$72,332 to hire one additional Project LIVELY Care Coordinator staff person, expanding the number of staff from two to three. For almost thirty years this program has worked with our elder population to provide health and safety assessments, resource referrals, case management services and general problem solving with the goal of allowing our seniors the opportunity to enjoy higher quality of life. Given the growth in our older population our current staffing level does not allow us to serve all who request our services. To address this trend we have moved from a universal system of working with all referrals to an assessment and triage approach to

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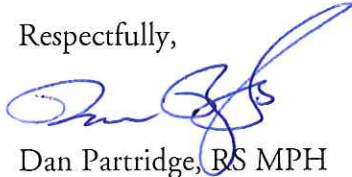
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case management. Given that as a community we are also working to recruit retirees to Lawrence it is important that we address this need.

The table below provides additional information regarding how these costs were calculated and as always we stand ready to answer any questions you might have.

	Billing Clerk	Care Coordinator
Wages	\$26,414	\$46,403
FICA	\$2,021	\$3,550
Health Insurance	\$16,797	\$16,797
KPERS	\$2,937	\$5,160
SUTA	\$113	\$199
Workers Comp	\$127	\$223
Total	\$48,409	\$72,332

Respectfully,



Dan Partridge, RS MPH
Director