

# Youth Expert Panel

## 2018 Recommendation Letter

December 8, 2017

Mr. Bryan Brown  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority  
 880 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Mr. Brown,

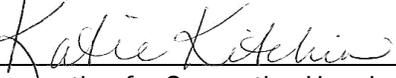
The Youth Expert Panel (the Panel) is pleased to announce that we are granting Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority's proposed permanent supportive housing development, Scholar Housing III, our **secondary** recommendation for the 2018 Qualified Allocation Plan's set aside for Transitioning Aged Youth. This letter shall serve as documentation of that second priority position. Please note that this recommendation is contingent on substantial adherence to the programmatic commitments made in your initial application.

As you continue to develop your application for Housing Tax Credits, we wish to reiterate the importance of certain elements of your proposal to the population being served and ask that you continue to prioritize the needs of Ohio's most vulnerable youth in the following ways:

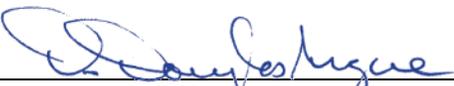
- **Youth Input.** The Panel was particularly impressed with the level of youth input and the manner in which you plan to continue soliciting the advice of persons with lived experiences.
- **Population Served.** The application was well-tailored to the narrow population it proposed serving, which was composed of single individuals, involved with the Bridges program, who were pursuing additional education. While an important subgroup of the youth population, the Panel believed that a broader target population would better meet the needs of the most-vulnerable youth that the PSH pool is structured to serve.
- **Design.** The building's unit configured was primarily composed of one-bedroom units, thereby excluding the many transitioned aged youth who are parenting. Moreover, security features appeared to be less comprehensive than is customary for this high-risk population.

Thank you for your commitment to helping youth avoid homelessness and create a path towards long-term stability. We wish you luck in pursuing Housing Tax Credits and look forward to seeing your continued success.

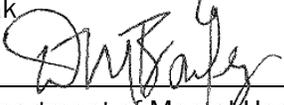
  
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