

Dear Steve and Sara,

I hope you're doing well.

I am reaching out to request CSDE matching support to continue my research on the environmental initiatives and health outcomes associated with community land trusts (CLTs). With funding from the RRF earlier this year and a planning grant from PHI last year, I have been leading a project exploring CLTs' environmental efforts and recently completed interviews with 10 CLTs across the country. While the support from both RRF and PHI has been essential, I now require additional funding to advance this research further. Although I have applied for multiple internal and external grants this year, they have not yet been successful. CSDE's matching support would be instrumental in sustaining the momentum of my research activities and in strengthening my efforts to secure larger, external grants.

The key activities that I hope to fund with CSDE support include:

- **Conducting a comprehensive review of CLT websites** to document environmental efforts. This desktop review will complement the interviews funded by the RRF and will contribute to a journal publication.
- **Classifying CLT service areas** to determine whether different types of service areas serve neighborhoods with specific demographic and socio-economic characteristics. I plan to present this study at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) annual conference next spring, where my abstract has been accepted.
- **Expanding the research scope from CLT-environment to CLT-environment-health connections** to prepare for grant applications and research proposals in this new direction.
- **Building and maintaining partnerships** by visiting CLTs in the Pacific Northwest region next spring and summer and enhancing collaboration with external researchers and community partners.

Due to my full teaching load in the winter and spring quarters, I plan to carry out most of these activities next summer. My department chair has agreed to support my work with summer salary funding if CSDE can provide matching funds. Therefore, I am requesting CSDE support to cover half of my summer salary (equivalent to 1.5 months) plus benefits, totaling \$22,973.

	Requested from CSDE	Department Support
Salaries. 1.5 mo @ \$12,262/mo	\$18,393	
Benefits. 24.9%	\$4,580	
Total Direct Costs	\$22,973	\$23,000

I have identified several potential funders, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the Housing Solutions Lab at New York University, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and Fannie Mae. These external grants will primarily be used to establish a research team, support primary data collection efforts, and cover my summer salary in future years.

Along with this letter, I have attached three documents to illustrate my proposed research and ongoing efforts to secure funding: (1) the PHI grant proposal, which includes a commitment of matching support from CSDE, (2) an abstract on CLT service areas accepted by the UAA, and (3) a letter of intent to RWJF.

Thank you for considering this request, and I would be happy to discuss my research agenda and funding needs with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Vince