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Jeff Robinson
Director, Community and Economic Development
City of Tacoma
747 Market Street, Room 900
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Dear Mr. Robinson,

With services that range from ECEAP and parenting programs to eviction prevention and transitional housing, The Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center is an early learning provider inside a family resource center.

The need for child care and wraparound services, however, exceeds our capacity. According to DCYF, less than 20% of the child care need in Tacoma is met. So to meet this and other needs, we are raising funds to build a brand-new facility, the Cora Whitley Family Center. With 32,000 sq ft, a 3,700 sq ft gym, 19 classrooms for 326 early learners, and 186 employees, our new center will double our current capacity and represent 10% of the available child care in Tacoma.

The total project cost is \$20,745,142, and we have raised \$14,558,354. The remainder is staggering for a nonprofit of our size, and **we wish to request \$2,000,000 of financial support from the City of Tacoma.** We have secured funding from the county, the state, all the way up to the federal level. We would be immensely grateful for funding from the city. We believe the new center will be a point of pride for Tacoma and a wealth of resources for our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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