

THE CITY REPAIR PROJECT

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To whom it may concern,

City Repair is excited to be a partner in the Communication Pyramid project spearheaded by Futel and the Village Coalition. As leaders in the field of grassroots, community-led development, we are excited to offer a range of tools and services to amplify this project's impact. We are hoping to launch this project during our largest annual program, the Village Building Convergence (VBC), one of the world's largest community-initiated urban placemaking festivals that draws participants from all over the city, nation and the world.

We are confident that the Communication Pyramid will operationalize all of the grant goals because we have witnessed hundreds of stories that bear testament to the multilayered benefits of community-initiated placemaking projects like this one, ranging from decreased crime to increased resilience and connection.

As one of the main organizational members that participated in the founding of Portland's first Village by and for houseless folks-Dignity Village, we have long been committed to applying our village building techniques for solutions to houselessness. We believe that the proposed communication facility will alleviate several challenges for village residents while breaking barriers between the housed and unhoused. Furthermore, we feel it is imperative for us, as housed people, to consider the needs, dreams and capacity of some of our most marginalized populations and strive to bring our public assets into greater service for our unhoused neighbors.

Warmly,



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