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Enclosed with this letter are three funding request that will help assure the sustainability of the physical facility for the delivery of services to families in Northeast Spokane or any neighborhood where similar services are not available. The playground equipment also supports the growth and development of the anticipated 315 children of pre-school age that will participate in one of our early learning opportunities that include Head Start, Early Head Start, and MOOSE (a pre-school for children with hearing disabilities)

NECC's primary service area encompasses the Hillyard, Whitman, Bemiss, Minnehaha, Chief Garry Park, Logan, Nevada-Lidgerwood, Morgan Acres and parts of North Hill neighborhoods. Because of the available medical and counseling services we often received referrals from schools in the East Central and Lincoln Heights neighborhoods and parts of the upper northwest side of Spokane. No one seeking service is turned away for inability to pay or because of their place of residence, especially if the service is not available or has limited availability in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood investments of CDBG funds, at whatever level is possible, in our larger projects, encourages the support of other funding sources thereby creating a greater impact. Upgrade of the pneumatic controls to digital on the HVAC further has the impact of being able to operate our HVAC with greater efficiency and impacts the health and well-being of those who access the services of all our agencies (except Medical/dental) and those that attend community meetings in our facility. Providing the equipment for the 315 pre-school children who attend the early learning programs here sets a pattern of physical activity that creates a positive developmental impact throughout their lives and enhances their capacity for learning. The HVAC project and the playground equipment each have a service life-span of approximately 25 years. The Surveillance system supports the safety afforded those that pass through our doors and helps protect the facility where the services are housed from mischief, vandalism, and theft.

Thank you for your consideration of these request.

Jean Farmer

Executive Director