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Colleen Meeder Mayor Village of Sherman Sherman, NY 14781

I am writing this letter to offer my support for the application for the NY Forward Grant that would benefit many projects in the Village of Sherman. The list of projects that could benefit from this grant are all positive steps forward to enhance different areas of the village.

As the current historian for the Town of Sherman, I enjoy seeing new ways to utilize the existing buildings around town that hold a lot of history for Sherman. The early settlers and residents were proud of this town and worked hard to make it a place where people wanted to raise families and make a living. Receiving this grant would allow that pride to continue and would encourage families to stay and be a part of Sherman for many years to come.

Many of these projects would enhance the appearance of different areas of the village, one being the proposed new fence around the Yorker Museum. Replacing the current fence with a more attractive looking fence, and adding a large sliding gate in the front area, would allow museum events to be more accessible and inviting. Although the museum complex boarders the Village Commons, the current fencing separates the two areas. Having a sliding gate at the entrance to the museum would open up the area to the Village Commons and would make a nice open and inviting area. This change would also allow more possibilities for events at the museum and encourage community involvement.

In conclusion, I fully support your application for the NY Forward Grant that will enhance many aspects of our community.

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