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Dear Diane:

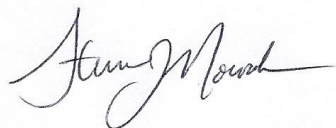
An opportunity to fund interpretive signage at the Grover Barn Underground Railroad site has arisen through the Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund of the Douglas County Community Foundation. Foundation staff feels the project's mix of history and environment would appeal to the Fund. After consultation with Kerry Altenbernd, president of the Guardians of Grover Barn community group, and Jim Ogle, CEO of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, I am requesting the City's authorization allowing the Douglas County Historical Society to apply for a Schultz Environmental Fund grant on behalf of the City to fund the Grover Barn signage project.

As the DCHS is already a registered grantee with the DCCF, submission of the grant will be simple. I can serve as project manager and the DCCF can serve as fiscal agent, receiving grant funds and making payment for grant expenses.

The project will follow what was outlined this time last year and presented to the City Commission. The Guardians will oversee content development. Signage design and placement will be subject to approval by the City. I can serve as liaison with the City's designee for these purposes to coordinate fabrication and installation.

Onsite signage is the next step in increasing awareness and appreciation of the site and leveraging the prestige that comes with designation of the National Park Service's Network to Freedom. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Nowak
Executive Director