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WISE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
Attn: Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund
600 East Main Street, 24th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

January 24, 2025

Re: Wise County - 2025 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Round 5 Application Authorization

Dear DCR CFPF Review Committee:

Please accept this letter as authorization of the County of Wise, Virginia's application to the 2025 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund grant opportunity.

The County of Wise submits this application for funding assistance to the Capacity Building and Planning category of the CFPF Round 5 for consideration of assistance with development of a countywide Resilience Plan.

Wise County is requesting funds in the amount of \$157,109 to accomplish the proposed Resilience Plan. As a low-income geographic area, Wise County is applying to the CFPF for 90% of the expected 174,575 total cost, with the required 10% match to be provided by our intended contractor, the University of Virginia's Virginia Flood Resilience Initiative, in the form of in-kind services. We are grateful and excited by the prospect of addressing recurrent flooding events in our area of Southwest Virginia through development and adoption of a Resilience Plan with support from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Community Flood Preparedness Fund initiative.

Thank you for consideration of our CFPF Round 5 request. Please direct any questions regarding this application for funding support to Jessica Swinney, Wise County Emergency Management Coordinator, at gio@wisecounty.org or 276-328-7110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Hatfield".

Michael W. Hatfield, P.E.
Wise County Administrator