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Brownsville Request for Proposal Announced:

Redevelopment Authority Seeks Qualified Developers' Plans for Downtown Properties

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UNIONTOWN, PA (Fayette County) – The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, PA (RACF), in partnership with Brownsville Borough, is now releasing a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for developers interested in the redevelopment of the downtown Brownsville, Pennsylvania's Historic Commercial District. This is the next step in the Brownsville Borough Targeted Revitalization Initiative, aimed at aggressively addressing the blight in the Borough's downtown area.

Since 2008, the Redevelopment Authority, with the support of the Brownsville Borough, has secured a total of 28 abandoned and blighted properties. Combined, the Authority now controls the majority of the historic district's Market Street properties, with the intention to eliminate blight and attract new development. As many of these properties are contributing buildings to the historic district, the Redevelopment Authority is inviting developers to submit plans to rehabilitate these properties and create new commercial, residential, and economic development opportunities in the downtown Brownsville community.

Based on a study conducted in 2012 - by the National Road Heritage Corridor, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Redevelopment Authority - Brownsville's Historic District is well positioned for investment, and has the potential to provide excellent economic development opportunities for the community. Therefore, qualified, financially sound developers and/or individuals are invited to complete and submit the RFP with revitalization plans for one or more of the properties owned by the Redevelopment Authority.

A full list of properties, condition reports and financial estimates can be found in the appendix of the RFP document. These Request for Proposal documents can be found on the Redevelopment Authority's website (www.racfpa.org) or by calling the Redevelopment Authority at 724.497.1547. There is no deadline for submission, though developers are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience.

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About the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, PA (RACF) – The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, PA was established in 1949, and has spent the last 65 years implementing numerous redevelopment projects, rehabilitation activities, and infrastructure improvements in municipalities throughout Fayette County. It is the principle agency responsible for implementing community development and single-family affordable housing initiatives, and has taken on special projects such as the development and continual expansion of the Fayette County Business Park and the Brownsville Borough Targeted Revitalization Initiative. The Redevelopment Authority’s goal is to continue sustaining our communities, helping continue to make Fayette County a wonderful place to call home.