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August 31, 2026

T.H. Chase, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Shore Up!, Inc.
520 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

Dear Mr. Chase,

I am writing to express the Worcester County Housing Rehabilitation Program's support for the continuation of the Housing Preservation Grant Program as administered by Shore Up!, Inc. Funding partners such as Shore Up! are crucial to the continuing viability of our program which has successfully operated since 1987 and rehabilitated over 300 homes.

Over the past few years Shore Up! leveraged funds with our program to provide overall general rehabilitation. In 2023-2025, leveraged funds were over \$105,000.00. Some examples include providing crawl space vapor barrier, appropriate heating and air conditioning in homes for the elderly, and bathrooms for the disabled. We are planning to utilize funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program and the State Special Loans Program for an estimated 10-15 additional rehabilitations to be completed FY26. Supplemental funding through Shore Up! would play a vital role in ensuring that our department is able to meet and/or exceed this goal and continue to address residents with needs as described above.

Sincerely,

Davida T. Washington
Housing Rehabilitation Coor.



SOMERSET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jesse Drewer, MPA, Director
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September 2, 2026

Shore Up! Inc.
c/o Mr. Tyrone Chase, Ph.D., Executive Director
520 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

RE: Letter of Support – FY26 Shore Up! Housing Preservation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Chase,

On behalf of the Somerset County Department of Technical and Community Services, I would like to offer this letter in support of the Shore Up! application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for the FY26 Housing Preservation Grant Application.

Our office administers a housing rehabilitation program for low-to-moderate income homeowners in Somerset County that is funded through the Community Development Block Grant program, and our experiences reveal the tremendous need that County residents have for improved housing conditions. The grant that your agency is applying for will assist needy county residents with health and safety concerns and with energy efficient upgrades.

I wholeheartedly support your application to address these serious issues in the county as we work together to improve our residents' living conditions. Please let me know if I can help in any other way as well.

Sincerely,

Jesse Drewer
Jesse Drewer, MPA
Director

Cc: Erika Uebel; Shore Up! Director of Weatherization

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September 3, 2026

Dr. Tyrone Chase
Executive Director
Shore Up! Inc.
520 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

RE: Weatherization

Dear Dr. Chase:

I understand that SHORE UP! Inc. is requesting Weatherization Grant funding to continue the administration of the agency's housing rehabilitation program.

The Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development is very supportive of the proposed project, and it is our hope that the grant application will receive favorable consideration. It is important to bring substandard housing up to proper residential code standards in order to improve the quality of living conditions for economically disadvantaged families. We embrace every opportunity to support the housing rehabilitation program, as it plays a vital role in improving the quality of life and strengthening our communities.

We look forward to our continued partnership and to leveraging approximately \$20,000 in local funds to enable SHORE UP! Inc. to serve more families and address a greater proportion of the housing needs that exist throughout Wicomico County.

Respectfully,

Tracey Greene Taylor
Director