## THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF HENRY COUNTY

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October 23, 2013

City of Napoleon Attn: Dr. Jon Bisher, City Manager and Mr. Greg Heath, City Finance Director 255 W. Riverview Ave. Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Re: Henry County CIC (HCCIC) 2014 official budget request

Dear Dr. Bisher and Mr. Heath:

Please allow this letter to serve as the Community Improvement Corporation of Henry County, Ohio's (HCCIC) official budget request for support of our economic development efforts on behalf of the City of Napoleon, Ohio for the 2014 budget year.

As you both are aware, economic development is vital to a thriving community such as the City of Napoleon. Over the past few years, the City of Napoleon has seen expansion with Koester Corporation, Rite Aid, Napoleon Machine and Isofoton North America to name a few larger industries with smaller business expansions as well all with the help from the HCCIC. We continue to utilize and expand our resources and efforts to attract new businesses through marketing the area and continuing to work closely with other area economic development agencies to expand our networking capabilities. All of this is done within a limited budget.

Some of our goals for the end of this year and continuing into 2014 are to update and expand our website in order to allow us to raise our efforts for potential new businesses to a higher level of marketing, provide more programs and resources to our local businesses and new businesses through outreach and to maintain our current office environment and equipment. In order to reach these goals, we are actively seeking more membership from the private sector to offset some of these expenses but even through this effort, we will fall short. Due to rising costs and the fact that the City of Napoleon's contribution has not increased for several years, we would respectfully ask for \$31,000.00 for the 2014 contribution from the City of Napoleon towards economic development. This is an increase of \$2,000.00. We have also requested the same increase from the Henry County Commissioners which is currently being reviewed.

The City of Napoleon has been a great partner in furthering business retention, expansion and job creation. Thank you for your past and continued support!

Sincerely,

Robert McColley, J.D.

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**Executive Director** 

cc: Bob Hastedt, Henry County Commissioner
Tom VonDeylen, Henry County Commissioner
Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner

Vicki Glick, Clerk for Henry County Commissioner John Helberg, President of Napoleon City Council

Ron Behm, Mayor of Napoleon