

August 19, 2025

Dear Mayor, City Council Members, and Staff;

As you prepare your annual budgets for 2026, please consider a contribution to West Central Initiative. Many of you have given in past years and we are so grateful for your support. For those of you who fall into this category, we made a promise that we would not be asking for large increases in our ask this year.

Because we want to be true to our word, we are asking you for a slight increase. Many of you have heard us talking about 2026 being the 40th Anniversary Year of the Minnesota Initiatives, created by the McKnight Foundation back in 1986. In recognition of this milestone, you'll notice that (if you've given this past year) we're suggesting a \$40 increase, in the attached commitment form. We hope you agree with the significance of this "slight" increase.

For those who have not contributed recently you'll notice that, in the attached commitment form, there is no suggested dollar amount. In the spirit of generosity, we ask that you consider a gift of an amount in an increment of \$40 (\$40, \$80, \$120, \$160, etc.). We thank you in advance for this consideration and hope that because of your donation we can add you to our list of City donors. Wouldn't it be a celebration to have ALL of our Cities and Counties on that list?

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership with West Central Initiative and our shared enthusiasm for the part of Minnesota that we call home.

With Gratitude,



Rebecca Lynn Petersen, Director of Development and Philanthropic Services

*So excited
about your
Solar Project!
Rebecca*

August 11, 2025

City of Vergas
Julie Lammers
PO Box 32
Vergas, MN 56587-0032

Subject: West Central Initiative Request for Donation

Ms. Lammers:

Thank you to the Vergas council members, mayor, and city staff for considering our request for a donation to WCI to support our work in economic, community and workforce development in Vergas and the nine-county region we serve along with White Earth Nation. Please reach out to me at (218) 998-1612 with any questions about your contribution, this agreement, WCI's services and/or opportunities for us to partner on initiatives in your community. Please return this agreement at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Rebecca Lynn Petersen, Director of Development

For the calendar year 2026 \$_____ to WCI Annual Fund

WCI, please send invoice for payment on: _____/_____/ 2026

The City of Vergas understands that this document is not legally binding to the City but is a statement of charitable intentions and plans for West Central Initiative.

City of Vergas

Date

Anna Wasescha, President & CEO, West Central Initiative

Date