



March 1, 2024

Mr. Russ Hodge
3 Roads Communications, Inc.

Dear Russ,

On behalf of the Tourism Council of Frederick County (Visit Frederick), please accept this letter of support for 3 Roads Communication's grant requests for the Inspired film project.

- InSpired will tell the complete history of Frederick and environs, including Native American history, African-American history, and Latin history – and the cast of interviewees will be remarkably diverse.
- With the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States, InSpired will be a tremendous educational tool locally and nationally. It will also be an economic engine, helping drive heritage tourism throughout Central Maryland, with on-locations shoots throughout Frederick and Washington counties.
- The Emmy-Award-winning production team behind this documentary also produced The House on Jonathan Street, a one-hour Public TV documentary about Hagerstown's African-American community. That documentary has been broadcast more than 200 times in its first three weeks in distribution, including all Top Ten TV markets and nineteen of the Top 20.
- The oral histories from first-hand participants in the documentary will provide a rich educational history for scholars and students for decades.
- Screenings at The Weinberg Center and other venues will provide an opportunity for diverse constituencies to come together to celebrate our common heritage and our common goals.
- With its focus on how Frederick managed to turn its economic and social fortunes around, InSpired will position Frederick as a visionary leader in Tourism, Economic Development, Adaptive Reuse, Historic Preservation and dozens of other fields.

Visit Frederick is pleased to give our enthusiastic support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Ziedelis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dave Ziedelis
Executive Director