

Dear [Manager's Name],

I am writing to seek your approval for my participation in the NH Housing Homeownership Fellows Class of 2026 Program. This program is tailored for professionals dedicated to the housing industry and committed to serving homebuyers across New Hampshire. I believe that this opportunity will greatly benefit both myself and our organization.

**Program Overview:** The NH Housing Homeownership Fellows program provides an interactive and educational experience for housing industry professionals. Participants delve into the challenges and issues related to the mortgage finance system. Each year, up to ten individuals are selected through a competitive application process to join this unique program. The program includes seven sessions, one of which features an advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. Importantly, there is no cost to me or the organization for these sessions.

**Key Program Features:**

- **Professional Development:** The Fellows program aims to deepen our understanding of the mortgage system and its various influences, offering insights into successful homeownership strategies.
- **Duration:** Spanning nine months, the program involves engagement with NH Housing staff, national and state housing officials, public representatives, and experienced mortgage lenders. It begins in late August or early September 2025 and concludes in mid-June 2026.
- **Washington, D.C. Visit:** A highlight of the program is a visit to Washington, D.C., where participants have an opportunity to interact with members of our Congressional delegation, representatives from GSE's, and some of the Government Agencies such as the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and USDA Rural Development (RD), Housing and Urban Development, along with other organizations that support the mortgage and real estate industry.
- **Experiential Learning:** Graduates gain a broader understanding of the mortgage and real estate industry, the needs and challenges of homebuyers, and effective ways to promote homeownership in New Hampshire.

**Why I Seek Approval:** As a dedicated professional in our organization, I am eager to enhance my knowledge and contribute to our mission of promoting affordable housing opportunities. The

Fellows program aligns perfectly with our goals, and I am confident that the insights gained will positively impact our work.

**Benefits to Our Organization:**

- **Informed Decision-Making:** My participation will enable me to make more informed decisions related to mortgage lending and homeownership.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Engaging with industry experts and officials will expand our network and foster collaboration.
- **Enhanced Service:** The program will equip me with tools to better serve our clients and borrowers.

I kindly request your approval to participate in the NH Housing Homeownership Fellows Class of 2026 Program. Thank you for considering my request. I am available to discuss this further if needed.