To RF Catalytic Capital,

Letter of Intent – Cities Deliver: AI Solutions for Public Services

I, Jaakko Mustakallio, Deputy Mayor, on behalf of City of Tampere, understand and support Tampere University's application to the Cities Deliver open call for its proposed Rise Cities project.

Tampere's Mayor's Programme 2025–2029 identifies the prevention of loneliness, the wellbeing and inclusion of older and vulnerable residents, and accessible, human-centred services as important city priorities. These ambitions are reinforced by Tampere's digital vision, "Smartly Digital, Digitally Inclusive," which calls for proactive and personalised services and for digital and physical environments to complement one another. The Tampere for all development programme further advances these goals by promoting community, equality and care, and by creating new pathways for residents to participate and connect.

Rise Cities project fits these objectives. It combines frontier AI with an accessible, tangible and natural interface. The aim is to help people who face barriers to conventional digital services discover municipal services, activities and opportunities for social connection. Rise Cities and its embodied AI companion Aimo is meant to strengthen human relationships and participation, not to replace human contact with technology.

The City of Tampere is currently developing a digital solution powered by multi-agent AI, designed to connect residents with local communities, volunteering opportunities, meeting places, activities and sources of support. Its ambition is to make the wealth of opportunities for social connection and participation across the city more visible and accessible to everyone. Yet even the most accessible digital services rely on people knowing they exist and actively seeking them out. Rise Cities offers an opportunity to extend the reach of this service by bringing it into people's everyday physical environments. By providing a tangible and approachable entry point, embodied companion Aimo aims to make both the digital service and the opportunities it offers accessible to a wider range of people, including those who might not otherwise seek them out.

The Economic Development and Innovation Policy Unit intends to work with Tampere University towards these shared objectives and in support of the proposed project, should it be selected for funding. We understand that the project will use frontier AI to improve access to public services and that, if awarded, the grant-funded project period will run from May 2027 to April 2029.

This letter is a non-binding statement of City of Tampere's needs, objectives and intent to collaborate. It does not create any legally binding obligation. We understand that submission of a Round 1 Proposal does not guarantee funding. We confirm that this letter has not been provided in exchange for any payment, gift or other thing of value, or any official act.

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