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Honorable Gene Winstead
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Dear Mayor Winstead:

Subject: Consolidated Plan End-of-Year Review - Program Year 2008

HUD is required to conduct an annual review of performance by grant recipients. This is to report to you the results of our review. Additionally, the Secretary must determine that the grant recipient is in compliance with federal statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs for which assistance is received.

Background Information

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development has sought to establish partnerships with State and local governments. The focus of our partnership has been to work with communities to ensure that our joint efforts result in housing and community development programs and policies that benefit and serve low and moderate-income persons. These efforts occur within the framework of the statutes we administer, and the regulations and emerging policies that are designed to improve program performance.

The provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, require the annual submission of performance reports by grant recipients receiving federal assistance through programs covered under these Acts. Additionally, these Acts require that a determination be made by the Secretary, that the grant recipient is in compliance with the statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs for which assistance is received.

Traditionally, these determinations were made through the review of annual reports submitted by grantees for each individual program receiving assistance. With the implementation of the Consolidated Planning Regulations of January 5, 1995, the Department will be making a comprehensive performance review of your overall progress at least annually, as required by the statutes and section 91.525 of the regulations. The review consists of analyzing your consolidated planning process; reviewing management of funds; determining the progress made in carrying out your policies and programs; determining the compliance of funded activities with statutory and regulatory requirements; determining the accuracy of required performance reports; as well as evaluating your accomplishments in meeting key Departmental objectives.

This assessment not only meets the mandates of the statutes, but it also provides a basis for working together collaboratively to help you achieve housing and community development

goals. One critical outcome of this collaboration should be the development of a more comprehensive, effective, and concise Consolidated Plan and improved performance in achieving specific goals that correspond to the activities outlined in your forthcoming Action Plan.

Report

We congratulate the City of Bloomington on its achievement of Departmental, County, and Consortia objectives. The following is a list of some of the accomplishments:

- The City's funds were committed and expended in a timely manner
- The City obligated 13.9% of its CDBG funds on administration and planning, keeping well under the maximum of 20%
- The CDA obligated 2.95% for public service activities; keeping well under the maximum of 15%
- 100% of eligible expenditures assisted low- and moderate-income beneficiaries
- All homes receiving loans through the Single Family Rehabilitation program were also provided with lead paint assessments and clearance tests.

Below we have listed a variety of ways of reporting on the City's PY 2008 CDBG funds.

Bloomington Program Year 2008 CDBG Funds	
Source	Amount
2008 CDBG Allocation	\$396,070
Program Income Receipted During the Program Year	\$183,674.05
Total Available (Includes funds available from prior years.)	\$740,594.82

Bloomington PY 2008 CDBG Activities by National Objective	
Activity Type	Amount
Planning and Administration Activities	\$80,618.91
Activities Principally Benefitting Low Mod Persons	\$653,409.85
Activities Addressing Slum or Blight Conditions	\$0.00
Total expenditures	\$734,028.76

Bloomington PY 2008 CDBG Activities by Type		
Type of Activity	Expenditure	Percentage
Acquisition/-Related Activities	\$257,000	35%
Economic Development	\$00.00	0%
Housing	\$378,090.51	52%
Public Facilities/Improvements	\$00.00	0%
Public Services	\$18,319.34	2%
Planning/Administrative	\$80,618.91	11%
Total Expenditure	\$734,028.76	

CDBG Accomplishments	
Activity Type	Outcome
HOUSING:	
Lead Based Paint Testing	21 units
Rehabilitation Assistance	21 units
PUBLIC SERVICES:	
Home-making/chore assistance	162 seniors
ACQUISITION:	
Land purchase	50 moderate income units projected to be ready for lease-up 7/2009

Public Access

This Report must be made readily available to the public within 30 days of receipt of your comments. There are several ways the report can be made available to the public. You can assist us in this regard by sharing HUD's report with the media; with members of your advisory committee; or with those who attended hearings or meetings, placing it on your web site or distributing it through a LISTSERV. HUD will make this information available to the public upon request and may provide copies of future reports to interested citizens and groups.

Conclusion

As a result of our analysis, we have determined that your overall progress is satisfactory and that the City of Bloomington has the continuing capacity to implement these programs. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me (612) 370-3019, extension 2103, or at Sara.J.Bergen@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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