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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
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The Honorable Harold Perrin
Mayor of Jonesboro
300 S Church Street
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Dear Mayor Perrin,

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-6 on February 15, 2019, which includes FY 2019 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2019 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$604,085
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0
Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	\$ 0

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Additionally, several of these CPD funding sources may serve as important resources to leverage investments in any designated Opportunity Zones in your jurisdiction. Created by the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act, the Opportunity Zone program will stimulate private investment in designated, low-income census tracts nationwide. CPD will publish further guidance on how funding available through the formula grant programs can be deployed to leverage Opportunity Zone financing.

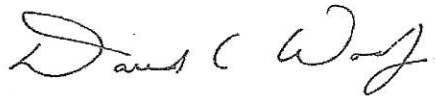
Based on the demographic requirements of designated Opportunity Zones, it is possible that your jurisdiction could use CDBG and Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Program funds to invest in infrastructure, assist existing businesses, or provide gap financing sources for real estate projects in these zones. Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$3,020,425 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally-guaranteed, this

program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,



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