

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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The Honorable Harold Perrin Mayor, City of Jonesboro P. O. Box 1845 Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Mayor Perrin:

I am pleased to inform you of your community's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 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 populations across the country. The Program Year for these funds begins on July 1, 2014. Your community's FY 2014 available amount is:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$573,150

HUD noted that the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan submitted for the use of these funds provided the actual amount listed above for CDBG. Enclosed are four copies of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval form that have been executed by this office. This document constitutes the contract between the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Jonesboro for the CDBG program. Please sign all copies. After execution, please return three copies to this office as soon as possible. The fourth copy should be retained in the City's files.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for the Community Development Block Grant Program). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended unless HUD has approved a release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds must be accompanied by an environmental certification.

The Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan includes funds for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities which are subject to review under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR Part 52. The Consolidated Plan was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review on May 14, 2014, pursuant to E.O. 12372. When there are no comments provided that will require accommodation, HUD may release funds for the covered activities. In addition to the conditions contained on form HUD 7082, the grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, including Appendix A to Part 25 of the *Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration*, 75 Fed. Reg. 55671 (Sep. 14, 2010) (to be codified at 2 CFR part 25) and Appendix A to Part 170 of the *Requirements for Federal Funding and Accountability and Transparency Act Implementation*, 75 Fed. Reg. 55663 (Sept. 14, 2010) (to be codified at 2 CFR part 170.

CPD has moved rapidly to implement the OneCPD technical assistance process. Under OneCPD, technical assistance adopts a place-based strategy with the goal of improving the ability of grantees to understand their local market conditions, set goals, and design and effectively carry out their housing and community development programs. HUD encourages your continued use of this available resource.

HUD again urges grantees to consider the needs of returning veterans and their families in the design and administration of these formula programs. Our fellow Americans have served our nation on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan and seemingly countless other places around the globe. Many veterans are returning to our communities with wounds and injuries that may make it difficult for them to find housing or support themselves and/or their families. I ask that you consider their sacrifice and ensure that these men and women receive every appropriate consideration in the use of these funds at the local level.

CPD looks forward to working with you in a true partnership to successfully meet the challenges we face in FY 2014. On behalf of the Department, I wish the City of Jonesboro much success in the use of these resources to implement the City's community development initiatives. If you have questions, or if we may be of assistance to the City in the implementation of its CDBG Program, please contact me on (501) 918-5700, or Chandra Taylor, Community Planning and Development Representative, on (501) 918-5737.

Sincerely. Wanda C

Wanda C. Merritt Field Office Director

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Heather Clements