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Mr. Thomas W. Mayfield
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500
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Dear Chairperson Mayfield:

SUBJECT: Annual Action Plan / Program Year 2012-2013
County of Stanislaus, California

The Annual Action Plan submitted for the County of Stanislaus has been reviewed and approved by HUD. The grant assistance that is being approved along with the Action Plan is as follows:

Community Development Block Grant	\$1,972,737
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$198,932
TOTAL:	\$2,171,669

For the above programs, we are forwarding copies of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval forms, along with guidance and/or conditions applicable to each program, to Richard W. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, for execution as your designee. Mr. Robinson should sign each of these forms, retain one copy for the County’s records and return the remaining two copies to the HUD San Francisco Office. Within three weeks of our receipt of your executed grant agreement, the County should be able to draw these funds through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

Please note the following regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Agreement:

Grantee Authorized Signature Lines. The “authorized signature” for the grantee (Section 13, line 13c) is for the public official for the grantee, such as the Mayor, County Executive, or Governor. The “authorized signature” (Section 11, line 11c) is for the person that heads the specific Department designated to administer the FY2012 ESG grant, such as the Director of Human Services, the Director of Housing, etc. HUD is requiring this additional signature and other information in Section 11 so it can determine the status of organization administering the FY2012 ESG grant.

Furthering fair housing is one of the Department's highest priorities. Included in your Annual Action Plan was a certification that your jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that the County will (1) conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within your community, (2) take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis and (3) maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions. Your jurisdiction should update its analysis of impediments (AI) periodically. Actions and milestones your jurisdiction plans to accomplish to overcome the effects of impediments to fair housing choice should be included in each Annual Action Plan. The source and amount of all funding for the actions to affirmatively further fair housing should also be noted in the Annual Action Plan. The results of actions taken during the program year to

address impediments identified in your AI should be reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) submitted to HUD.

Please note that the performance reports for the FY 2011 Annual Action Plan will be due on **September 30, 2012**, and should include accomplishments compared to performance goals.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year to accomplish the housing and community development goals set forth in the County's Annual Action Plan and five-year Consolidated Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Curt Klaus, Community Planning and Development Representative, at ((415) 489-6599, or Curt.Klaus@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



Maria Cremer
Director
Community Planning and
Development Division

cc:

Richard W. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer (w/enclosures)
Angela Freitas, Deputy Director

GRANTEE: County of Stanislaus, California

PROGRAM: FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROGRAM NO.: B-12-UC-06-0010

Enclosed is the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval (three copies of HUD-7082) which constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Stanislaus for the CDBG program. Please sign these forms (three original signatures), retain one copy for your records, and return the remaining two copies to the San Francisco HUD Field Office.

Upon receipt of the executed Grant Agreement, the funds can then be accessed through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). If there is a need to add individuals authorized to access IDIS, an IDIS Access Request Form must be prepared, notarized, and returned to this office with the Grant Agreement. Also, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account to which these grant funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-up Form (SF-1199A) must be completed by you and your financial institution and mailed to this office.

Certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for the CDBG program). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended unless the release of funds has been approved in writing by HUD. A request for the release of funds must be accompanied by an environmental certification.

The Special Condition in your Grant Agreement and Funding Approval concerning the review procedures under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 52, restricts the obligation or expenditure of funds for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities until the completion of the review process and receipt of written notification of Release of Funds from HUD. Because you have not submitted your Consolidated Plan for review under E.O. 12372, we assume you do not propose to use funds for activities subject to review. However, the condition requires that in the event you amend or otherwise revise your Consolidated Plan to use funds for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities you must receive a written Release of Funds from HUD before obligating or expending funds for such activities.

GRANTEE: County of Stanislaus, California

PROGRAM: FY 2012 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

PROGRAM NO.: S-11-UC-06-0010

Enclosed are three copies of the Grant Agreement which constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Stanislaus for the ESG program. Please sign these forms (three original signatures) retain one copy for your records, and return the remaining two copies to the San Francisco HUD Field office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING THE FY2012 ESG GRANT FUNDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

FY2012 ESG grant funds are subject to the requirements in 24 CFR part 576, as revised by the Emergency Solutions Grants and Consolidated Plan Conforming Amendments Interim Rule, which was published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011 (76 Fed. Reg. 75954).

Within 180 days after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement amendment, you must obligate the entire grant amount, except the amount allowed for administrative costs. This requirement will be met by an agreement with, or a letter of award requiring payment to, a subrecipient; a procurement contract; or a written designation of a department within your government to directly carry out an eligible activity. If you represent an urban county, this requirement may also be met with an agreement with, or letter of award requiring payment to, a member government that has designated a department to directly carry out an eligible activity.

All ESG grant funds must be expended within **24** months after the date HUD signs the grant agreement. Please make every effort to expend all ESG funds by this deadline. HUD may recover any grant amounts that are not expended by this date and reallocate the funds in accordance with 24 CFR part 576, subpart D.

Change in Environmental Review Responsibilities for ESG

On Friday, July 6, 2012, President Obama signed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (Public Law 112-141) into law. The law includes several changes to the homeless assistance programs under title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.). Among these changes, MAP-21 restores authorization for states and units of general local government to assume HUD's responsibilities for environmental review under 24 CFR Part 58 (environmental reviews performed by states and units of general local government) for the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG).

Based on this change, HUD revised the ESG grant agreement to incorporate the relevant provision of MAP-21 and provide that the grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibilities with respect to environmental review, decision making, and action required under HUD's regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. This agreement will enable you to use the same environmental review procedures that have been required for all Emergency Shelter Grants program grants. HUD will also incorporate these procedures into the upcoming final rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants program.

Under these procedures, each unit of general local government that receives ESG funds from HUD or a State, and each State that provides ESG funds to private nonprofit organizations, will carry out the environmental review responsibilities under Part 58. Also, each State that provides ESG funds to a unit of general local government will provide for the assumption of environmental review responsibilities by the units of general local government and act on their requests for release of funds.