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Mr. Jim De Martini
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Stanislaus County
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6800
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Mr. De Martini:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Action Plan
Stanislaus County, California

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

Community Development Block Grant	\$2,139,064
Emergency Shelter Grant	<u>\$ 171,581</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,310,645

We are forwarding copies of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval forms, along with statements and/or conditions applicable to each program, to Angela Freitas, Director of Planning and Community Development, for execution as your designee. Ms. Freitas should sign and date each of these forms, retain one copy for the County's records and return the remaining two copies to the HUD San Francisco Office.

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

Please note the following:

- The performance reports for the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan will be due on **September 30, 2014**, and should include accomplishments compared to performance goals;
- The Drug-free Workplace certification has been removed from the required certifications; however, grantees must continue to comply with the requirement and it has been incorporated as a grant condition;
- Three additional conditions have been included in the FY 2014 CDBG Program Grant Agreement:
 - The first reflects updated requirements regarding FFATA, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act;
 - The second is a reminder that the so-called “Bond Amendment” prohibition on certain eminent domain actions remains in place; and
 - The third is a new provision regarding restrictions on the grantee, or unit of general local government that indirectly receives CDBG funds, regarding selling, trading, or otherwise transferring all or any such portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Celia Jones, Community Planning and Development Representative, at (415) 489-6579 or Celia.M.Jones@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



Maria F. Cremer
Director
Office of Community Planning
and Development

cc:

Angela Freitas, Director of Planning & Community Development, **w/enclosures**
Juan Gonzalez, Associate Planner
Stan Risen, Chief Executive Officer

GRANTEE: Stanislaus County, California

PROGRAM: FY 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROGRAM NO.: B-14-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 Stanislaus County 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: Stanislaus County, California

PROGRAM: FY 2014 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

PROGRAM NO.: E14-UC-06-0010

Enclosed are three copies of the Grant Agreement which constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Stanislaus County 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.

FY 2014 ESG grant funds are subject to the requirement 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).

Section 576.203 requires that within 180 days after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement, 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 recapture any grant amounts that are not expended by this date and reallocate the funds in accordance with 24 CFR Part 576, Subpart D.

Please also note that funds may not be obligated or expended for activities in projects that have not been previously environmentally cleared. Funds may be obligated or expended only after you have submitted and HUD has approved in writing your environmental certification and request for release of funds in compliance with the environmental regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, or you have determined and documented that the activities are exempt or excluded from any environmental review under Part 58. If your government intends to use ESG rehabilitation funds for shelter sites, please pay particular attention to the certifications on the *Request for Release of Funds and Certification* (HUD-7015.15) form.