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SEP 1 – 2015

Mr. Terry Withrow
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Stanislaus County
1010 10th Street, Suite 6800
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Mr. Withrow:

SUBJECT: Five-year Consolidated Plan / 2015-2019
Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Action Plan
Stanislaus County, California

The five-year Consolidated Plan and 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	\$2,197,687
Emergency Solutions Grant	<u>\$ 190,669</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,388,356

We are forwarding copies of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval forms, along with guidance 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. Within three weeks of our receipt of your executed grant agreement the City should be able to begin draw down of these funds through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

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 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;
- Four additional conditions have been included in the FY 2015 Program Grant Agreements:

CDBG Program:

- The first reflect new requirements if Funding Assistance is to be used for payment of indirect costs;
- The second involves disbursements on a “first-in, first-out” basis (FIFO). Grantees are urged not to draw funds until final rules are implemented or alternative guidance is issued;
- The third is that CDBG funds may not be provided to a for-profit entity unless such activity or project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with Appendix A to 24 CFR 570.

HOME Program (if applicable):

- The fourth is a provision that HOME PJs must have approved Resale/Recapture Provisions.

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 or require further assistance, 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 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROGRAM NO.: B-15-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 2015 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

PROGRAM NO.: E15-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 2015 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.

Any projects receiving ESG funding require an environmental review under 24 CFR Part 58 before any funds may be committed for that project. Neither a recipient nor any participant in the project may commit or expend HUD or non-HUD funds, make a legally binding agreement, or take other actions (such as acquiring property or starting constructions) that limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to completion of an environmental review and receipt of a release of funds (see 24 CFR 58.22).