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Mr. David Levett  
Department of Finance  
1000 Rochester Hills  
Rochester, MI 48309-3034

RE: Formal Request for CDBG Funding

Dear Mr. Levett,

Please accept this letter as formal application to City of Rochester Hills requesting Community Development Block Grant Funding. The Fair Housing Center (FHC) operates in your area and is for the benefit of the entire community.

The Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc., is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. We were founded in 1909, when the Detroit Bar Association appointed a committee to provide free civil legal services. In 2003, we began providing civil legal services to residents of Oakland and Macomb Counties.

The mission of the Fair Housing Center is to ensure equal housing opportunities for all people, regardless of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, familial status, marital status, or disability. In 2006, HUD awarded us a grant to do fair housing work in Oakland and Macomb Counties. HUD recognized that there was a need for such an effort. The FHC performs investigative and survey testing on apartment complexes, real estate agents, and mobile home sites. In 2007, FHC will begin testing of mortgage companies and insurance agency. We also provide handicap parking compliance testing.

Please contact me for further steps in this process. I can be reached at (248) 253-1548, ext. 7308.

Sincerely,

Alicia J. Skillman, Esq.  
Director, Fair Center Housing

*Our mission is to provide comprehensive legal advocacy and representation in civil and criminal matters to individuals who cannot afford such representation. We do so in a thorough and personal manner that will result in client satisfaction, regardless of case outcome.*

