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COMMUNITY & HOME IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
Karry L. Rieth, Manager

June 3, 2011

The Honorable Bryan K Barnett, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills MI 48309-3033

RE: 2012 - 2014 Cooperation Agreements

Dear Mayor Barnett:

We invite the City of Rochester Hills to continue its participation in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2012-2014. The City has participated in the County's program during the past three years and during this period approximately \$465,271 has funded minor home repair and various public service programs to address the needs of low income residents. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Oakland County to renew Cooperation Agreements every three years. Your participation is essential to the County and the other participating cities, townships, and villages that combine their demographics to achieve the most federal funding for local projects.

Although Rochester Hills has a population of more than 50,000 and is eligible to apply directly for HUD funding, we would like to point out several reasons for the City to consider remaining in the County program. The City receives approximately \$155,090 in CDBG funds through the Urban County program each year. Besides an annual CDBG allocation, the City benefits from the County's federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Approximately \$1 million in HOME funds is combined with CDBG funds each year to improve local housing stock. As a participating community, Rochester Hills will automatically be included in the County HOME program, which provides low income residents with access to our award winning Home Improvement Program. Participating units, however, cannot apply for HUD Administered Small Cities or State CDBG programs. Another benefit is that Oakland County takes care of a majority of the federal paperwork involved in the CDBG and HOME programs. The reduction in administrative burden maximizes the benefit of each dollar at the local level.

As a current participant, there is a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the County on file. The only requirement to continue participating is a resolution. **The resolution language specifically designed to meet HUD requirements is attached for your use. Please ensure that the original resolution is signed, dated, and certified by the Clerk. Alternatively, the original resolution can be signed and dated by the Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please send us the original resolution and keep a copy for your records.** If you choose **not** to participate, a letter signed by the chief executive officer is required. Due to federal requirements, you must submit this letter to the County **and** to HUD. The letter should state that the City does not intend to participate with Oakland County, and will either apply directly to HUD or not seek funding. Please mail HUD's copy of the letter to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Keith E. Hernandez, AICP, Director, Community Planning and Development, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Suite 1710, Detroit MI, 48226-2592 by **Friday, July 1, 2011**. The County's copy of the letter should be mailed to: Carla Spradlin, Grant Compliance & Program Coordinator, by **Friday, July 1, 2011**. If you have questions, please contact Carla at (248) 858-5312. We look forward to three more years of productive partnership.

Sincerely,

Karry L. Rieth Manager

cc: Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance