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

RE: 2018- 2020 Cooperation Agreements

Dear Mayor Barnett:

We invite the City of Rochester Hills to continue participating in the Oakland County urban county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2018-2020. The City has participated during the past three years. During this period, approximately \$443,285 has funded programs to address the needs of low income residents.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the County to renew its Cooperation Agreement with participating communities every three years. Your participation is essential to the County and the other cities, townships and villages that combine demographics each year to achieve the highest level of federal funding for local projects. Participation in the urban county requires a three year commitment and your community must remain in the program for the three year duration. If your community chooses to remain with the urban county, it is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while a part of the urban county.

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 \$148,000 in CDBG funds through the urban county program each year. Besides the annual CDBG allocation, Rochester Hills also benefit from the County's HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. As a participating community, the City will automatically be included in the County HOME and ESG programs. The HOME program provides low income residents with access to our award winning Home Improvement Program. ESG funds are used to meet the needs of the homeless through emergency shelters, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention assistance. Another benefit is that Oakland County takes care of a majority of the federal paperwork involved in the CDBG, HOME and ESG 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 of Rochester Hills and Oakland County on file. This three year Cooperation Agreement is automatically renewed for each three year cycle unless an amendment is required by HUD. A copy of the most current Cooperation Agreement is attached as reference.

In order to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county program the City must submit the following document to the County by **Monday, June 12, 2017**:

- 1) **A resolution (see attached) specifically designed to meet HUD requirements. Please ensure that the original resolution is signed, dated and certified by the City Clerk. Alternatively, the original resolution can be signed and dated by the City Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please send us the original resolution and keep a copy for your records.**

If you decide to opt out of the urban county program, a letter signed by the chief executive officer is required. The letter should state that the community intends to opt out of the Oakland County urban county program. Due to federal requirements, you must submit this letter to the County **and** to HUD. Please mail HUD's copy of the letter to: Keith E. Hernandez, ACIP, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, Detroit Field Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 by **Monday, June 12, 2017**. The County's copy of the letter should be mailed to: Carla Spradlin, Grant Compliance & Program Coordinator, by **Monday, June 12, 2017**. 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: Debby Hoyle, Senior Financial Analyst