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Subject: Approval of Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Action Plan Submission

Thank you for your timely submission of the City of Round Rock's One-Year Annual Action Plan. This serves as official notification of approval of your One Year Annual Action Plan for FY 2013. The City's One Year Annual Action Plan is effective October 1, 2013, and is the fifth year of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan ending September 30, 2014. The plan is a requirement for the City's Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

As a result of our review and analysis, we have determined that the activities proposed in your Annual Action Plan are consistent with your Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The recommended funding for the Annual Action Plan projects is directed toward Housing Rehabilitation, Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services and Planning & Administration.

This year's grant for the program cited below is approved in the following amount:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CDBG	\$514,534

We appreciate the hard work of the City's Staff in producing the Annual Action Plan and your continued collaboration with the various stakeholders, including numerous local non-profit and public service agencies, as well as the citizens of Round Rock to provide enhanced housing and community revitalization initiatives for the City. The information contained in the Annual Action Plan was well written, detailed and organized. The detailed maps, demographic data and operational information included in the plan were helpful, informative and clearly highlighted the different areas and groups of low-mod individuals that the City is serving. The two basic regulatory requirements for approval of the plan have been met. The Plan is substantially complete in addressing all regulatory requirements and is consistent with the purposes of the National Affordable Housing Act. Our conclusions for approval and the comments cited in this review will be part of the national database within HUD's Grant Management System (GMS).

The City is reminded that annual Action Plans will be evaluated for consistency in the application of program funding to achieve its designated high priority activities. The City should

also keep in mind that all quantitative goals stated in both your Action Plan and Consolidated Plan Strategy will establish the basis for performance evaluation when the City submits its end of the year CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report).

ACTION PLAN

CDBG

The City's Annual Action Plan presents a concise and comprehensive description on the use of the new program year funding. Your allocation for Planning and Administration activities are below the 20 Percent Administration regulatory cap. Additionally, the total for Public Service activities is below the 15 percent Public Service regulatory cap. In compliance with 24 CFR 91.220 requirements, the Action Plan outlined the quantitative goals (Proposed Accomplishments) for each activity. The projects identified in the Action Plan are a continuing effort to meet the various goals and objectives established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO):

The County's Action Plan was reviewed by the OFHEO and the following general guidance is provided:

The County is reminded of required compliance with all applicable civil rights laws, including Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; applicable provisions of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Fair Housing Act; and HUD regulations issued pursuant thereto. In particular, the grantee is reminded of the site and neighborhood standards required when using home funds. *See* 24 CFR 92.202 and the Fair Housing for HOME Participants guidance. The grantee is also reminded that in accordance with the Fair Housing Act, it must ensure that programs are administered in a manner to affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act in accordance with the certification at 24 CFR 91.225(a)(1) and 570.601.

If you have any questions regarding this FHEO review, please contact Mr. Al Galvan, Equal Opportunity Specialist at 210-475-6800, ext. 2219.

San Antonio Office of Public Housing review (SAOPH):

Your Action Plan was reviewed and approved by the SAOPH.

General to all Projects:

Approval of your Action Plan does not give automatic eligibility approval to the specific projects identified in the AP. It is the responsibility of each grantee to ensure that each project is eligible and can meet a national objective in accordance with HUD regulations. Grantees are

required to properly document and justify each project's eligibility and national objective in its files for future HUD on-site monitoring reviews. Each file should include all elements required in the regulations cited at 24 CFR 570.506, Records to be maintained. This should include, among other things, agreements, maps indicating service areas and the basis for the determinations, income limits, eligibility documents, etc.

Approval of your Action Plan does not give automatic eligibility approval to subsequent projects created by amendments. The reallocation of funds which results in amendments or substantial amendments to the action plan must be processed in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.505 and the City's Citizen's Participation Plan. The reallocation of funds should be reviewed carefully and approved only as "an exception" to the process and should not become "the norm". The amendments resulting from these reallocations are generally time consuming to process and could eventually affect the City's ability to meet timeliness expenditure requirements.

We remind the City that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended unless there is a written release of funds notification from our Field Office. To initiate this process for these activities, the City must submit to our office an executed HUD form 7015.15 - Request for Release of Funds and Certification. Only units of general local government can assume responsibility for environmental reviews under 24 CFR Part 58. Sponsors can supply the required information to the responsible entity to prepare the review.

Enclosed you will find three signed copies of HUD Form 7082, Funding Approval and Grant Agreement. This document constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Round Rock. Please sign each original Grant Agreement. Retain one original for your records and return the other two agreements to us. Our office will retain one original Grant Agreement and send the third copy to the HUD Accounting Center to record the obligation. Failure to return the executed Grant Agreements within **60 days** may be deemed to constitute rejection of the grants and cause for HUD to determine that funds are available for reallocation to other grantees.

Should there be a need to establish or change the depository account where the grant funds are being wired to, a Direct Deposit sign-up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by both the City and involved financial institution and mailed to our Field Office.

Please note that your upcoming Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) is due on December 31, 2013. The purpose of this report is to show what you have accomplished with CDBG funds and other leveraged funds during the previous Program Year and allows the Department, local officials, and the public to arrive at conclusions concerning the City of Round Rock's overall performance.

We thank you for the submission of your One-Year Action Plan. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with the City during the next program year. If you have

any questions concerning the grant notification set forth in this letter, please contact Alberto Solorzano, CPD Representative, at (210) 475-6848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elva F. Garcia".

Elva F. Garcia, Director
Office of Community Planning
and Development

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth Alvarado, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator

Funding Approval/Agreement

Title I of the Housing and Community
Development Act (Public Law 930383)
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development Community Development Block Grant Program

OMB Approval No.
2506-0193 (exp 1/31/2015)

1. Name of Grantee (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) City of Round Rock	3a. Grantee's 9-digit Tax ID Number: 74-6017485	3b. Grantee's DUNS Number: 102740792	4. Date use of funds may begin (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/01/2013
2. Grantee's Complete Address (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) 221 E. Main Street Round Rock, Texas 78664		5a. Project/Grant No. 1 B-13-MC-48-0514	6a. Amount Approved \$514,534
		5b. Project/Grant No. 2	6b. Amount Approved
		5c. Project/Grant No. 3	6c. Amount Approved

Grant Agreement: This Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the above named Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). The Grantee's submissions for Title I assistance, the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 570 (as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time), and this Funding Approval, including any special conditions/addendums, constitute part of the Agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Grant Agreement, HUD will make the funding assistance specified here available to the Grantee upon execution of the Agreement by the parties. The funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval may be used to pay costs incurred after the date specified in item 4 above provided the activities to which such costs are related are carried out in compliance with all applicable requirements. Pre-agreement costs may not be paid with funding assistance specified here unless they are authorized in HUD regulations or approved by waiver and listed in the special conditions to the Funding Approval. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to Section 104(g) of Title I and published in 24 CFR Part 58. The Grantee further acknowledges its responsibility for adherence to the Agreement by sub-recipient entities to which it makes funding assistance hereunder available.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (By Name) Elva F. Garcia		Grantee Name City of Round Rock			
Title Director, Community Planning and Development		Title The Honorable Alan McGraw, Mayor			
Signature <i>For David Garcia, Acting</i>	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
7. Category of Title I Assistance for this Funding Action (check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Entitlement, Sec 106(b) <input type="checkbox"/> b. State-Administered, Sec 106(d)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> c. HUD-Administered Small Cities, Sec 106(d)(2)(B) <input type="checkbox"/> d. Indian CDBG Programs, Sec 106(a)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> e. Surplus Urban Renewal Funds, Sec 112(b) <input type="checkbox"/> f. Special Purpose Grants, Sec 107 <input type="checkbox"/> g. Loan Guarantee, Sec 108	8. Special Conditions (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Attached	9a. Date HUD Received Submission (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/15/2013	10. check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Orig. Funding Approval <input type="checkbox"/> b. Amendment Amendment Number		
		9b. Date Grantee Notified (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/23/2013			
		9c. Date of Start of Program Year (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/01/2013			
	11. Amount of Community Development Block Grant				
	a. Funds Reserved for this Grantee		FY (2013)	FY ()	FY ()
	b. Funds now being Approved		\$514,534		
	c. Reservation to be Cancelled (11a minus 11b)				

12a. Amount of Loan Guarantee Commitment now being Approved	12b. Name and complete Address of Public Agency
Loan Guarantee Acceptance Provisions for Designated Agencies: The public agency hereby accepts the Grant Agreement executed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the above date with respect to the above grant number(s) as Grantee designated to receive loan guarantee assistance, and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, applicable regulations, and other requirements of HUD now or hereafter in effect, pertaining to the assistance provided it.	12c. Name of Authorized Official for Designated Public Agency
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