

May 17, 2021

Gary Schmidt
County Administrator
Clackamas County

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Approval of Community Development Division 2021 Action Plan
Corrected CDBG Amount

Purpose/Outcomes	Approval of the corrected CDBG Grant request form signature.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, CORRECTED by HUD to \$2,286,218 - an increase of \$33,201 (a 1.5% increase).
Funding Source	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds. No County General Funds are involved.
Safety Impact	N/A
Duration	Effective July 1, 2021 and terminates on June 30, 2022
Previous Board Action	A Public Hearing with public testimony on the County's housing and community development needs was held on April 8, 2021. The Board provided final approval on May 6, 2021.
Strategic Plan Alignment	1. Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities 2. Build a strong infrastructure
Counsel Review	NA
Contact Person	Mark Sirois, Community Development Manager - (503) 655-8591
Contract No.	NA

BACKGROUND: The Board reviewed the funding recommendations on April 8, 2021 and provided a final approval to apply for these grant funds on May 6, 2021. The Board approved the original CDBG 2021 grant amount of \$2,253,017. HUD has increased the grant amount by a 1.5% increase of \$33,201 to a new total of \$2,286,218.

On May 6th, The Board did authorize the Interim Director of the Department of Health, Housing and Human Services to sign on behalf of Clackamas County all documents necessary for submitting applications, receiving funds, and amending applications for programs and projects included in the Action Plan.

HUD sent Clackamas County a CORRECTION Letter on Friday May 13th. See attached. This request is to authorize signature of a CORRECTED CDBG grant request form with the new CDBG Grant amount of \$2,286,218. After signature, the form will be submitted to HUD as part of the 2021 Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the approval of this Corrected CDBG Grant amount and that Rodney A. Cook, be authorized to sign the corrected CDBG grant request on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney, A. Cook, Interim Director

County Administrator Approval

Approval	Deny

Attachments:

- HUD CORRECTION Letter
- May 6th Board Agenda



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

May 13, 2021

Mrs. Tootie Smith
Chairperson Elect of the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045-4035

Dear Chairperson Elect of the Board of Commissioners Smith:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. Public Law 116-260 includes FY 2021 funding for these programs. Please note that this letter reflects a revised amount for the Community Development Block Grant and Section 108 borrowing authority. Your jurisdiction's FY 2021 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$2,286,218
Recovery Housing Program (RHP)	\$0
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$1,006,963
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$192,629

Individuals and families across the country are struggling in the face of four converging crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, climate change, and racial inequity. Through these bedrock programs, CPD seeks to develop strong communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. We urge grantees to strategically plan the disbursement of grant funds to provide relief for those affected by these converging crises and help move our country toward a robust recovery.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$331,090 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensure grantees comply with program requirements and policies, provide demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community's activities, and participate in HUD-directed grantee monitoring. Your ongoing attention to ensuring

complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

James Arthur Jemison II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development