



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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JUL 14 2016

The Honorable Anthony G. George
Mayor of Wilkes-Barre
City Hall
40 East Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Dear Mayor George:

RE: Notification of Grant Award
Fiscal Year 2016 Action Plan
City of Wilkes-Barre

The Action Plan submitted by the City of Wilkes-Barre has been reviewed by this office, and is hereby approved. The Action Plan covers the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. Based on this approval, I am pleased to award the City of Wilkes-Barre its HUD-funded grants for Fiscal Year 2016. The grants and their amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Number B-16-MC-42-0016	\$1,436,343
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Project Number M-16-MC-42-0221	\$ 247,558
TOTAL HUD FUNDING	\$1,683,901

The funds for each of the above-noted programs will be obligated upon execution of the individual grant agreements by the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Department. Based on the Final Consolidated Plan Rule, several requirements from the individual programs have been incorporated and, as in prior years, there are special requirements for each of the programs. The specific requirements are included with the appropriate Program Grant Agreement package, which are enclosed with this notification.

A primary goal of the Department is to reduce housing discrimination, affirmatively further fair housing through CPD programs and promote diverse, inclusive communities. To that end, we encourage your community to take all measures necessary to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing requirements associated with these funds. A copy of your Annual Action Plan was provided to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) for review. Please note that FHEO is available to provide technical assistance regarding affirmatively furthering fair housing upon your request.

Please be advised that in awarding these grants, we have not made a determination with respect to eligibility and/or compliance with the National Objectives, as applicable, of any of the activities to be funded in the Action Plan. If these funds are used to create a new activity or significantly change any existing activity; or if there is a substantial change in the priority allocations or method of fund distribution, you must adhere to the requirements of Section 91.505 in amending your Action Plan.

The grant agreements should be executed as soon as possible and returned to Mr. Nadab O. Bynum, Director of the Office of Community Planning and Development. If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Ms. Xiaomin Cai, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, at (215) 861-7655. This office may be reached via text telephone (TTY) by dialing (800) 877-8339.

Sincerely,



Jane C.W. Vincent
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Kurt F. Sauer ✓