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Ms. Marcia Elkins
Planning Director
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300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Ms. Elkins:

Congratulations! The City's Annual Action Plan is approved. Along with the approval of your plan, we are pleased to transmit to you the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Number **B-03-MC-46-0002** funds in the amount of \$614,000 for the City of Rapid City, SD. The program year for the City of Rapid City, SD began on April 1, 2003.

Enclosed are the Grant Agreements and Funding Approvals (three copies for each CPD program), which constitute the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Rapid City, SD. You should note particularly the special conditions included in Item 8 of the Funding Approval.

In order to establish your Line of Credit to reflect the FY 2003 grant, it will be necessary for you to execute and return two copies of the Grant Agreement. To establish or change the depository account to which these grant funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (SF-1199A) must be completed by you and your financial institution and mailed to this office.

Upon receipt of the executed Grant Agreements (two copies) and other forms required to establish your Line of Credit, HUD will transmit to you further instructions for accessing funds through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System.

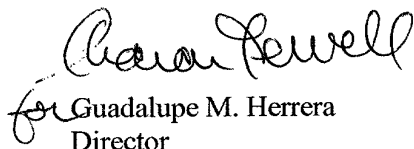
You are reminded that there are restrictions on certain activities until you complete the Environmental Review Procedures for the CDBG and HOME Programs (24 C.F.R. Part 58). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended unless the release of funds has been approved in writing by HUD. A request for the release of funds and certification (Form 7015.15) must be submitted to HUD. Appropriate forms can be found under HUDCLIPS on the web (www.hudclips.org). Certain activities identified in Part 58.34 may be considered exempt from the release of funds process and no written approval from HUD is necessary.

We additionally would like to remind you of your certification to further fair housing. This certification means conducting an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, taking appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintaining records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.

We encourage continuation and expansion of your efforts to provide contracting opportunities to minority-and women-owned businesses in the implementation of your CPD program activities.

If you have any questions or desire assistance in connection with this letter or other items related to the CDBG Program, please contact Mrs. Marlene Collazo, Financial Representative, at (303) 672-5414.

Sincerely,


for Guadalupe M. Herrera
Director
Office of Community Planning
and Development

Enclosures