



January 19, 2011

Barb Garcia
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Dear Barb,

It is a rare occasion when I am able to write a letter to express my concern of not being able to expend the CDBG funds that were allocated to Pennington County Health and Human Services by March 31, 2011.

I want to ensure that by making this statement, it is not interpreted to mean there is not a need, it simply means that due to the provider that we are working with and her generosity in providing the medical management services, it has created less demand on funding. However, the funds will continue to support the purchasing of medications.

Having clarified the circumstances of this actually fortunate situation, I would respectfully ask your consideration to use the remaining funds on yet another need that has been identified within the community.

With the current economic conditions within our community, additional needs have been identified that CDBG funding, if you find appropriate, could be used to assist our community members. This funding will also be used to further develop a referral system and partnership with the Re-entry Program to assist with housing needs. This request is as follows:

- Provide rent to individuals who do not meet PCHHS guidelines.
- Provide rental deposits for households. This funding is currently limited within our community. This alone diminishes the opportunity for individuals and families to transition from being homeless to obtaining housing without deposit assistance.
- Provide assistance for old utility bills when clients would not meet PCHHS guidelines. When establishing a new residence, individuals often have unpaid utility bills from previous residences. Without this assistance, clients are unable to obtain utilities service and connected and face further delays in moving into their homes.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and if you have any questions, or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your response.

Thank You,
Karen E. Romey, Administrator
Pennington County Health and Human Services