

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT REGION VII

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Amy Koeneman Administration Manager City of Lee's Summit 220 SE Green Street Lee's Summit, MO 64063-2706

Dear Ms. Koeneman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Agreement Transmittal

The Kansas City Field Office Field Office would like to thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons through HUD programs. On Thursday, June 10, 2021, the Department published an interim final rule with a request for comments, titled: *Requesting Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications* (86 Fed Reg 30779). The effective date for the interim rule is July 31, 2021, and you are encouraged to review the interim rule in developing your programs.

One Grant Agreement is attached for each program awarded as follows:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) \$333,409

Total FY 2022 Award

\$333,409

Transmittal of a grant agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your Consolidated Plan. You are reminded that you, as grantee, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and your agency. Please note the special conditions in your CDBG Funding Approval/Agreement.

To establish a Line of Credit for Fiscal Year 2022 grant funds, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of the Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055), notarize, and return to this office. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

On November 15, 2021, the Build America, Buy America Act (the Act) was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58. The Act establishes a domestic content procurement preference, the BAP, for Federal programs that permit Federal financial assistance to be used for infrastructure projects. In Section 70912, the Act further defines a project to include "the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States" and includes within the definition of infrastructure those items traditionally included along with buildings and real property. Starting May 14, 2022, new awards of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure, and any of those funds obligated by the grantee, are covered under the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions of the Act, 41 U.S.C. 8301 note. While HUD currently has a waiver of the application of the BAP through HUD's Notice, "General Applicability Waiver of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (87 FR 26219), HUD will begin requiring compliance with BAP for all new funds obligated on or after November 14, 2022, unless covered by a subsequent waiver. Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/BABA and will be provided by HUD prior to the expiration of the waiver and full implementation of BABA.

Please execute two (2) copies of the Grant Agreement with an electronic signature. In response to COVID-19, HUD authorizes you to electronically execute the grant agreement with an electronic signature. Return one (1) signed agreement/copy of each signed agreement to this office to the attention of Dana Buckner, Director, Community Planning and Development, <u>dana.buckner@hud.gov</u>. Please ensure the Chief Elected Official and/or authorized designee electronically signs the CDBG grant agreement in the box directly across from the HUD CPD Director's signature. The CDBG Grant Agreement should **not** be electronically signed in box 12c. Maintain a copy of the agreement with your original signature on-site in your program files.

For additional information and guidance on grant-based accounting, please refer to the HUD Exchange at: <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/grant-based-accounting/</u>.

HUD congratulates Lee's Summit on your grant award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your programs goals. If you have any questions or need further information of assistance, please contact Cheryl Montenguise at (913) 551-6802 or cheryl.j.montenguise@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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Dana Buckner Director, Office of Community Planning and Development

Enclosure

cc: Sarah Tilbury