



April 15, 2021

VIA EMAIL (nsamson@brightonco.gov)

Nicole Samson, Senior Management Analyst
City of Brighton
500 S 4th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601

Re: Urban County Requalification – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Dear Ms. Samson:

In 2015, the City of Brighton entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Adams County to participate in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through Adams County's Urban County designation for federal fiscal years (FYs) 2016, 2017, and 2018. The IGA provisions allowed for the automatic renewal *one* additional three-year qualification period, which took place in 2018 for FYs 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Adams County, acting as the lead entity, is in the process of requalifying for its Urban County designation for FYs 2022, 2023, and 2024 through a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urban County members. The general structure of the Urban County and distribution of funds will not change, but the terms and conditions will be updated to better fit how the Urban County is operating today and include HUD required language.

If the City plans to continue its participation in the Urban County for Federal fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, it must provide an executed IGA to the County by **June 30, 2021**, with the final IGA being submitted to HUD by **July 23, 2021**.

At this time, the City has the right to withdraw or be excluded from the Urban County for FYs 2022, 2023, and 2024. If the City wishes to withdraw or be excluded, it must notify the County and HUD (via letter and email) on or before **May 14, 2021**. By relinquishing its participation, the City will not have the opportunity to re-enter the Urban County until FY 2025. Notification of non-participation, through an approved City Resolution, must be sent to the addresses below:

HUD

Phillip Stonecipher
CPD Representative
Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Office of Community Planning and
Development
1670 Broadway
Denver, CO 80202
Phillip.M.Stonecipher@hud.gov

Adams County

Melissa Scheere
Community Development Manager
Community & Economic Development
Department
4430 S. Adams County Parkway
Brighton, CO 80601
MScheere@adcogov.org

As a reminder, the County receives HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds as an Urban County. The City's partnership in the Urban County automatically engages the City's participation in the County's HOME program. This language will be included in the new IGA.

Further, the State of Colorado offers similar HUD grants directly from the State. Since the City participates in the Urban County, it is not eligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program. However, eligible HOME projects taking place within the City limits may apply for HOME from the State of Colorado. The City may also apply for Emergency Solutions Grant directly from the State of Colorado to carry out homelessness programs.

We look forward to working with the City and continuing our success as an Urban County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 523-6210 or mscheere@adcogov.org.

Sincerely,



Melissa Scheere
Community Development Manager

CC: Phillip Stonecipher
CPD Representative, HUD