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Mr. Thomas Gill
Director of Planning and Economic Development
City of Bridgeport
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Dear Mr. Gill:

HUD is pleased to approve the City of Bridgeport’s Annual Action Plan for 2017-2018. The City’s Action Plan describes how Bridgeport will implement its Consolidated Plan, and how it will use funds from its Community Development Block Grant in the coming year.

The Hartford Field Office received the Annual Action Plan in IDIS on August 15, 2017. In accordance with 24 CFR 91.500, the Plan for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA was approved within the forty-five days after its receipt. Total funding being awarded for this fiscal year is:

- $2,867,870 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program;
- $852,089 for the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program;
- $248,389 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and
- $907,156 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

Enclosed are three copies of the Funding Approval/Agreement for the CDBG Program. The Department urges attention to the addendum to the CDBG Grant Agreement, which addresses requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget concerning Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System, the Central Contractor Registration database, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. Please execute the Funding Approval/Agreement and return two copies to the Hartford office. After the signed documents are received, HUD will authorize an increase in Bridgeport’s Line of Credit in the amount of the 2017 grant.

In the Attachment to Approval of Annual Action Plan, the Department provides advice relating to the City of Bridgeport’s program, and guidance on the implementation of program activities. There is a reminder that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for the Community Development Block Grant Program). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended unless HUD has approved the release of funds in writing.
The CDBG program provides significant benefits to the residents of the City of Bridgeport. The Field Office is committed to working closely with the staff that administers this program. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kelsey Brown, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, at 860-240-9723.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alanna Cavanagh Kabel
Director
Community Planning and Development

Enclosures
1. Attachment to Approval of Action Plan
2. Form HUD-7082, Funding Approval/Agreement (CDBG), Special Conditions and Addendum
3. Form HUD-40093, Funding Approval and HOME Investment Partnerships Agreement (HOME)
4. CFDA Number 14.231, Funding Approval/Agreement (ESG), Special Conditions and Addendum
5. CFDA Number 14.241, Performance Grant Agreement (HOPWA)
6. Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity review comments

cc: The Honorable Joseph Ganim, Mayor
Community Development Block Grant Program

Funding Approval

Enclosed is the Funding Approval/Agreement, form HUD-7082, which constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Bridgeport for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Please note particularly any special conditions included in Item 8 of the Funding Approval. Failure to execute and return the funding approvals within 60 days of the transmittal date may be deemed to constitute rejection of the grant and cause for HUD to determine that the funds are available for reallocation to other grantees.

The special condition in Bridgeport’s CDBG Funding Approval concerning the review procedures under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs and HUD’s implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 52 restricts the construction of water or sewer facilities until the completion of the review process and receipt of written notification of release of funds from HUD. Since the City has not submitted your Consolidated Plan for review under E.O. 12372, the Department assumes that the City does not propose to use funds for activities subject to review. However, the condition requires that in the event Bridgeport amends or otherwise revises the consolidated plan to use funds for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities, the City must receive written release of funds from HUD before obligating or expending funds for such activities.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Deadlines for Commitment and Expenditure of HOME Funds

Based on the HOME statute and by regulation at 24 CFR 92.500, any funds that are not committed within 24 months after the last day of the month in which HUD notifies the Participating Jurisdiction of HUD’s execution of the HOME Investment Partnership Agreement (HUD-40093) will be deobligated. All HOME funds must be expended within 5 years of grant agreement execution by HUD.

Disbursement of HOME funds

Please ensure that HOME funds will be invested in affordable housing within fifteen days of being drawn as required by the statute and regulation at 92.502(c)(2).

Annual Performance Report

Requirements for the HOME Annual Performance Report will be satisfied by submission of the CAPER.

Resale/Recapture Policies for Homebuyer Projects

The regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5) require participating jurisdictions to impose resale or recapture restrictions on properties that are assisted with HOME funds under the
homebuyer program. These policies must be included in the Annual Action Plan. CPD Notice 12-003, Guidance on Resale and Recapture Provision Requirements under the HOME Program, requires the Department to review the resale/recapture policies in the Annual Action Plan and to notify the participating jurisdiction in the Annual Action Plan approval letter that these policies are approved or disapproved.

HUD has reviewed the resale and recapture policies in Bridgeport’s Program Year 2017 Action Plan and have determined that they meet the requirements at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5) and CPD Notice 12-003, Guidance on Resale and Recapture Provision Requirements under the HOME Program.

**Line of Credit and other Financial Considerations**

In order to establish a Line of Credit for the Fiscal Year 2017 grant, it will be necessary for the City to execute and return two copies of the Funding Approval. Also, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account to which these funds are to be wired, Bridgeport and its financial institution must complete a Direct Deposit Sign-up-Form (SF-1199A) and mail it to this office.

**Environmental Clearance**

Remember 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 unless HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for the release of funds must be accompanied by an environmental certification.

**Grantee Performance Report**

The requirements for the CDBG Grantee Performance Report for the 2017 Grant Year will be met by the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to be submitted to this office no later than September 28, 2018.