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The Honorable Dan Sullivan
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Dear Mayor Dan Sullivan:

Subject: 2010 Program Year Review Letter

HUD and the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) continue to work in partnership to meet housing and community development needs of the people of Anchorage. A major responsibility for HUD in this partnership is to ensure that the MOA carries out its programmatic responsibilities in conformance with contractual agreements, its consolidated plan submission, and in compliance with the applicable statutes and federal regulations. We are also obligated to determine that the MOA has a continuing capacity to implement and operate programs for which HUD assistance is received, primarily, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

The Program Year Review Letter serves as the mechanism for HUD to communicate to the MOA and citizens the results of HUD's determinations for the program year. The following is HUD's analysis for the period, January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, designated as program year 2010, (PY10). PY10 represents the third year of implementation of the 2008-2012 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for the Municipality of Anchorage (ConPlan).

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

For PY10 the MOA was awarded \$2,036,598 in CDBG funds. The MOA reported the receipt of \$32,377 in program income during the program year. A total of \$2,952,178, which includes prior years CDBG funds, was expended during the year. At the end of the year, the MOA reported a balance of \$1,600,976 in CDBG funds. The expenditure of CDBG funds supported a variety of activities including public facilities, housing rehabilitation, public services, and elimination of slum and blight. The MOA expended \$386,912 of CDBG funds for administration and planning costs. Performance measure reporting in PY10 indicate that CDBG funds were used for the purpose of providing decent housing by providing funding for owner occupied housing rehabilitation which addressed the needs of 22 LMI households.

The MOA continues to work on the economic development activity funded with Section 108/Brownfields Economic Development Initiatives funds. The activity qualified under the Low- Mod Jobs national objective. The MOA report indicates that 31 of the projected 76 jobs have been created. Currently five tenants occupy 69% of the available space, and the owner continues to market the remaining space to prospective tenants.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

The MOA was awarded \$1,068,582 of HOME funds in PY10. A total of \$983,697, which includes prior years HOME funds, was expended during the year. \$110,492 was expended for administration and planning costs. The MOA used HOME funds to provide assistance for home-ownership, housing rehabilitation, rental housing development, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and activities supporting Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's). Performance measure reporting for PY10 indicates that the use of HOME funds improved the affordability and availability of 28 housing units.

Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG)

For PY10 the MOA was awarded \$82,971 in ESG funds. A total of \$34,677, which includes prior year ESG funds, was expended during the year. \$4,149 was expended for administration costs. Essential service and homeless prevention funds were used to assist two households. Maintenance and operation funds were awarded to five social service providers.

Other HUD Programs

During PY10 the MOA continued to administer the \$776,469 in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds received in prior year. The MOA in partnership with four social service agencies are utilizing those funds to provide financial assistance and services for the prevention of homelessness and to provide assistance to those experiencing homelessness to be rapidly re-housed and stabilized. Reporting on HPRP progress is done quarterly through HUD's e-SNAPS system. HUD's analysis and correspondence related to those reports is handled under separate cover.

During PY 2010 the MOA continued to administer the \$507,812 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery funding (CDBG-R) received in prior year. The MOA awarded \$450,000 of those funds to Abused Women's AID in Crisis (AWAIC), for a public facilities project. The project was completed in December 2010. \$22,124 has been utilized for administrative costs.

The MOA continued working with the Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness (ACH). The purpose of the ACH is to bring the community together to address homeless issues and implement the Ten Year Plan on Homelessness. A subcommittee of the ACH coordinates the

development of the Continuum of Care (CoC) applications from Anchorage non-profit organizations in HUD's homeless grant program competition. Anchorage CoC applicants received awards totaling \$2,717,670 in the 2010 competition. The MOA is the direct recipient of \$296,714 of these funds.

HUD Conclusion

The MOA has carried out its program substantially as described in its ConPlan. The Consolidated Plan submission as implemented complies with the requirements of the *Housing and Community Development Act of 1974*, the *Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act*, and other applicable laws and regulations. The MOA has the continuing capacity to carry out the approved program in a timely manner.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.525, this letter will be made available to the public by means of the Anchorage Field Office website at <http://www.hud.gov/alaska>. Availability of the letter will be announced in the "highlights" section of the home page, and an electronic copy will be found in the "library" section of the site that can be accessed by clicking on the link in the left hand column of the home page. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Carma Reed, Director of Community Planning and Development, at (907) 677-9890.

Sincerely,

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