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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

ATTACHMENT 4

Ms. Jan Smith
Executive Director
Blackberry Housing Authority
1301 Main Street
Blackberry Creek, KY 41502

RE: Preliminary HOPE VI Grant Close Out Approval
Blackberry Village HOPE VI Grant
HOPE VI Grant Number: KY19URD0031199

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for submitting your Termination of Disbursements Letter and Preliminary Close-Out Materials for the subject HOPE VI Revitalization Grant. In accordance with the Close-Out Procedures for HOPE VI Revitalization Grants, no additional HOPE VI funds may be disbursed, all HOPE VI funded activities are complete, and your HOPE VI Revitalization Grant has been preliminarily closed. The following actions have been taken:

- 1) In accordance with your Termination of Disbursements letter, a Pre-Audit Date concurrent with the date of this letter has been entered into LOCCS, stopping any further disbursements from LOCCS.
- 2) The final HOPE VI Budget submitted by the housing authority has been reviewed and approved. A copy is enclosed for your files.
- 3) The Actual HOPE VI Cost Certificate (AHCC) and the Financial Status Report have been reviewed and the AHCC has been preliminarily approved for audit.

Each Grantee is required to conduct an audit of the HOPE VI grant in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.501, as applicable. The audit must be done by an independent auditor and be in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards covering financial audits. You may now initiate the audit. The audit may be conducted separately or as part of an agency-wide audit. However, if conducted as part of an agency-wide audit, the HOPE VI portion of the audit must be reported separately. The Grantee must ensure that the auditor has a copy of the AHCC for review. Unless the auditor states otherwise in the audit report, the Grantee certified costs will be considered acceptable by HUD.

Once completed, the Grantee must submit a copy of the audit to the HOPE VI Grant Manager. The Grant Manager will review the audit report to determine if any findings have been

identified with respect to the HOPE VI funds. Once the audit review is complete and HUD has made a final determination that: 1) the expenditure of grant funds was allowable; 2) the activities to be completed using HOPE VI grant funds were completed as required by the Grant Agreement; and 3) all Federal requirements were satisfied, HUD will fully execute the AHCC and the grant will be officially closed. Any unspent funds will be recaptured by HUD.

Please be reminded that the housing authority must abide by any continuing federal requirements. The Grantee must also continue to report in the HOPE VI Grant Management System until such time as all activities included in the grant Revitalization Plan have been completed.

Thank you for your participation in the HOPE VI Program and your commitment to the revitalization of distressed public housing. If you have any questions, please contact Luci Blackburn, your HOPE VI Grant Manager, on (202) 402-4190.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Wilson
Director, Office of Urban Revitalization
Office of Public Housing Investments

Enclosure

cc: Michael Wells, HUD Blackberry Field Office