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The Honorable Ethan Berkowitz  
Municipality of Anchorage  
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Dear Mayor Berkowitz:

Subject: 2015 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 Solutions 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015, designated as program year 2015, (PY15). PY15 represents the third year of implementation of the 2013-2017 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for the Municipality of Anchorage (Con Plan).

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

For PY15 the MOA was awarded \$1,613,622 in CDBG funds. The MOA reported the receipt of \$105,528 in program income during the program year. A total of \$2,325,910, which includes prior years CDBG funds, was expended during the year. At the end of the year, the MOA reported a balance of \$1,204,401 in CDBG funds. The expenditure of CDBG funds supported a variety of activities including public facilities, mobile home minor repairs, housing rehabilitation, and public services. The MOA expended \$377,622 of CDBG funds for administration and planning costs. Performance measure reporting in PY15 indicates that CDBG funds were used for the purpose of providing decent housing by providing funding for owner occupied mobile home repairs and housing rehabilitation which addressed the needs of 15 LMI households.

### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**

The MOA was awarded \$530,461 of HOME funds in PY15. A total of \$140,403, was expended during the year. \$95,835, which includes prior year HOME funds, was expended for

administration and planning costs. The MOA used HOME funds to provide assistance for home-ownership and rental housing development. Performance measure reporting for PY15 indicates that the use of HOME funds improved the affordability and availability of 8 housing units.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**

The MOA was awarded \$150,740 of ESG funds for PY15. A total of \$275,702, which includes prior year funds, was expended during the year. \$10,799 was expended for administration costs. 174 households received homeless prevention funds, and 42 households received rapid re-housing assistance. Maintenance and operation funds were awarded to five homeless service providers.

### **Other HUD Programs**

In PY15 the MOA continued to partner with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH). The purpose of the ACEH is to bring the community together to address homeless issues and implement the Ten Year Plan on Homelessness. The ACEH 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 \$2,859,081 in the federal fiscal year 2014 competition.

### **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.

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Sincerely,

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