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Nicole Crutchfield, Planning Director
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SUBJECT: 2018 Annual Community Assessment

Dear Ms. Crutchfield:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VIII, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) assesses the performance of its grant recipients on an annual basis. This assessment is based on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) submitted by you as a grant recipient, as well as information collected from other financial and performance reports, correspondence, and monitoring reports. This letter conveys the results of our evaluation for the 2018 program year.

Based on this analysis, we have determined that the City of Fargo has the continuing capacity to administer its CPD-funded programs. The activities undertaken are consistent with your HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, and the city continues to make progress in meeting its housing and community development goals.

However, the city failed its timeliness test on March 2, 2019, having a balance in its line of credit 2.13 times its annual grant amount. A workout plan was submitted June 4, 2019 and was approved by HUD. Two quarterly reports have also been submitted that reported on the city's progress towards achieving timeliness. Fargo currently has 1.79 adjusted grant years' worth of funds in its line of credit; in order to meet the regulatory requirement, \$220,989 must be expended for eligible CDBG activities prior to the timeliness test date of March 2, 2020. A CDBG Timeliness Report has been enclosed for your convenience.

It is also noted that Fargo initiated many of its 2018 activities very late in the program year. Thus, it did not achieve most of its annual goals as demonstrated in the below table.

Projects	Proposed Annual Accomplishments	Actual Annual Accomplishments	5-Year Proposed Accomplishments	Percent Complete
Housing Rehabilitation	15 units rehabilitated	9 units rehabilitated	75 units	69%
CHDO Project	3 rental unit constructed	0 rental units constructed	141 rental units constructed	2%

Fraser	6 rental units rehabilitated	0 rental units rehabilitated	13 rental units rehabilitated	46%
Downtown Slum/Blight	2 homeowner housing added	0 homeowner housing added	3 homeowner housing added	0%
Downtown Slum/Blight	2 façade treatment	1 façade treatment	10 façade treatment	50%
Housing Education	35 persons assisted	0 persons assisted	505 persons assisted	0%
School Playground	3485 persons assisted	0 persons assisted	6560 persons assisted	0%
Metro Transportation	40 persons assisted	333 persons assisted	1385 persons assisted	179%
Snow Removal	20 persons assisted	10 persons assisted		
Job Training & Microloans	16 persons assisted	23 persons assisted		
Homeless Initiatives	5155 Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	624 Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	9155 Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	39%

In accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations described at 24 CFR §91.525, if the city has comments regarding our conclusions, please submit them to this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive comments within the 30-day time period, this letter will be considered final and can be made available to the public.

If there are any questions or there is a request for technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Clark, CPD Representative, at elizabeth.clark@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

Katy Burke
Regional Director

Enclosure

cc:

Bruce Gibb, City Administrator
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Current CDBG Timeliness Report
 Grantee : FARGO, ND

PGM YEAR	PGM START DATE	TIMELINESS TEST DATE	CDBG GRANT AMT	--- LETTER OF CREDIT BALANCE ---		DRAW RATIO		MINIMUM DISBURSEMENT TO MEET TEST	
				UNADJUSTED	ADJUSTED FOR PI	UNADJ	ADJ	UNADJUSTED	ADJUSTED
2018	05-01-18	03-02-19	713,369.00	1,456,161.14	1,521,105.56	2.04	2.13		
2019	05-01-19	03-02-20	760,623.00	1,361,923.77	1,361,923.77	1.79	1.79	220,989	220,989

NOTE: If ***** appears in place of ratio, then ratio cannot be calculated because either the grantee's current year grant has not been obligated in LOCCS or the current program year start and end dates have not been entered in IDIS.