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Nicole Crutchfield, Director
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SUBJECT: 2020 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 2020 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.

The CR-05 Goals and Outcomes tables in the CAPER reported no accomplishments for the 2020 program year. Fargo provided an explanation that due to delays from the coronavirus, no 2020 activities were completed. However, Fargo submitted an "Assessment of Objectives and Accomplishments" attachment that described both prior year and CARES Act funded activities that were accomplished during the 2020 program year. It also included the status of prior year and 2020 activities still underway. This additional table and information are appreciated.

Please note that in future CAPERs, Fargo should provide an estimate of the number of families removed from poverty in the CR-35 screen. This includes a summary of the number of Section 3 residents and businesses assisted during the program year. Please refer to the instructions in the [eCon Planning Suite Desk Guide](#).

HUD would like to recognize that Fargo provided substantive and detailed answers to the narrative questions in the CAPER. By including comprehensive information in the performance report, HUD, Congress and your citizens are able to more accurately understand the impact of HUD's programs on Fargo's community.

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, Senior CPD Representative, at elizabeth.clark@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



Katy Burke
Regional Director

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