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Mr. Lawrence J. Kendzior
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AUG 18 2008

Dear Mr. Kendzior:

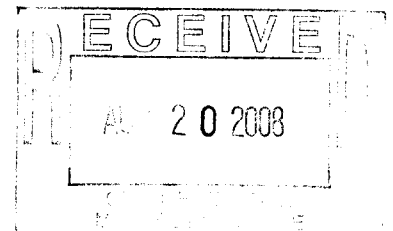
We are pleased to announce the approval of the City of Meriden's third Annual Action Plan for 2008-2009. Your Annual Action Plan describes how the City will use \$899,877 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the program year from July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Our office received the Action Plan on June 9, 2008. We deem the Annual Action Plan approvable because it is consistent with the purposes of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, and 24 CFR Part 91. In accordance with 24 CFR 91.500, the Plan was approved within forty-five days after its receipt.

Enclosed are three copies of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approvals for the CDBG program. Please execute and return two copies. After we receive the signed documents, we will authorize an increase to your Line of Credit in the amount of the FY2008 grant.

The attachment to this letter provides advice concerning specific program requirements for the CDBG program. Please note the sections that address the eligibility of the Community Services Initiative project and the review of Meriden's actions to affirmatively further fair housing.

We also call to your attention the determination made during our recent monitoring of Meriden's CDBG program that the City is not complying with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, *Lead-based paint poisoning prevention in certain residential structures* in the administration of the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Therefore, we are requiring that no new CDBG funded housing rehabilitation projects be approved and that the City not begin construction on previously approved CDBG funded projects until a program to adequately meet the requirements of Part 35 has been implemented. Due to the seriousness of the situation, John Post, Community Planning and Development Representative, communicated this to you and other City staff during the monitoring exit conference on August 14, 2008. Additional information on the Findings and Concerns identified during the monitoring visit will be provided in a letter within 45 days from the date of the exit conference.



Sincerely,



Gary Reisine
Director
Community Planning and Development

Enclosures

cc: Juliet Burdelski



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Honorable Michael S. Rohde
Mayor
City of Meriden
142 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450

Dear Mayor Rohde:

Subject: Request for Release of Funds (RROF)
B-08-MC-09-0007 (CDBG)

Your Request for Release of Funds and Certification for an activity to be funded by the subject project, submitted pursuant to statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States, was received August 4, 2008. The activity is the Neighborhood Preservation Program Loans and Grants, which will provide financial and technical assistance to property owners within special designated inner-city target neighborhoods for the purpose of rehabilitating their residential structures. It is estimated that 12 structures will be rehabilitated. The City of Meriden's Neighborhood Preservation Office will be the project administrator.

A review of the documentation submitted in support of the Request for Release of Funds indicates that the statutory requirements have been met. In the absence of any objections filed pursuant to 24 CFR 58.75 within fifteen days of receipt, you may release these funds, in accord with the funding agreement, as of AUG 21 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Reisine".

Gary Reisine
Director
Community Planning & Development

cc: Lawrence J. Kendzior, City Manager
✓ Juliet Burdelski, Grants Administrator

