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January 8, 2025

Mark Tizano, Director
Department of Community Development
326 Pujo Street
P.O. Box 900
Lake Charles, LA 70602

Dear Mr. Tizano:

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
Grant Number: B-21-MF-22-0002
B-22-MF-22-0002
Grant Award: \$10,776,000
\$7,042,000
Condition 1: Program Policies and Procedures

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is approving the City of Lake Charles' request to clear the first condition in the City of Lake Charles' CDBG-DR grant agreements with HUD. Per the grant agreements, the City may not draw funds for the following programs in its Action Plan for Disaster Recovery until the grantee submits its final policies and procedures for implementation of the programs: Affordable Housing and Economic Revitalization.

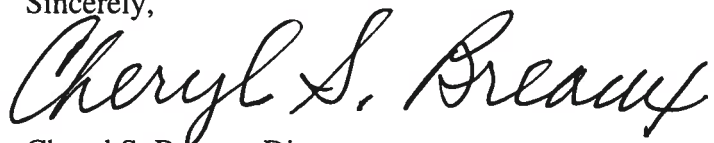
On December 23, 2024, the City submitted its final policies and procedures for the Economic Revitalization Program. Also, per correspondence, the city informed HUD that The Hope Center, which was previously included in the Economic Revitalization Program has been removed and The Business Innovation Cener is now the sole project. Therefore, HUD acknowledges that the City's CDBG-DR Economic Revitalization Policies and Procedures satisfies approval of condition number one of the grant agreements.

In addition, HUD acknowledges the City is currently working on a substantial amendment to move The Hope Center from Economic Revitalization to the Public Facilities category in its CDBG-DR Action Plan. HUD recognizes disaster recovery needs evolve over time and grantees might need to amend the impact and unmet needs assessment and action plan as additional needs are identified and resources become

available. As a gentle reminder, per Federal Register Notice 31636 (p.31655, Section III. C.1.a), “grantees must revisit and update the impact and unmet needs assessment when moving funds from one program to another through a substantial amendment”. Please be advised, the City will not be able to utilize the funds allocated to The Hope Center until the substantial amendment is approved by HUD.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff in partnership to address the City’s recovery and mitigation needs. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Christi Langoni, Community Planning and Development Representative, at (504) 671-3010 or Christi.N.Langoni@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl S. Breaux". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl S. Breaux, Director
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