



**DALLAS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

May 28, 2014

Mr. Robbie Corder
City Manager
City of University Park
3800 University Park
University Park, Texas 75205

Dear Mr. Corder:

Dallas County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program has been in existence since 1988. Because of the participation of cities such as yours, the County and its cities have been able to utilize more than \$60 million in federal assistance that they would not have otherwise received. These funds have been used to fund such projects as road reconstruction, water/sewer installation, park improvements, code enforcement, down-payment assistance, and housing reconstruction.

In order to receive this funding, which must principally be used to benefit low-to-moderate income people, HUD requires the County and all interested cities with populations of less than 50,000 people to enter into a cooperative agreement for three years. As the current agreement between the City of University Park and the County will expire on September 30, 2014, it is necessary to enter into a new agreement if our two entities are to remain eligible for this program.

A copy of such an agreement is enclosed. It is identical to the last agreement that the County and the City signed. We will continue to have the CDBG program be as responsive and as flexible as possible and to have much of the administrative responsibility carried by the County. Please also note that if the City chooses to participate in the County's program, the City, per federal law, cannot seek to receive funding from the State's program.

So that all required application materials can be forwarded to HUD, we are asking that these cooperative agreements be executed and returned to Kim D. Nobles, the County's Community Development Financial Administrator, Planning & Development, 411 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Dallas, TX 75202-3374 before July 15, 2014. Please be sure to include a copy of the authorization resolution and the minutes from the council meeting in which this item was approved. Also, if your City has any questions about the agreement or the CDBG program, please do not hesitate to contact either Ms. Nobles at (214) 653-6368 or myself.

We greatly appreciate the City of University Park's previous participation in the CDBG program, and we look forward to working with you still further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Loessberg".

Rick Loessberg
Director of Planning & Development

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