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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 18, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Ginther
Mayor of Columbus
90 W Broad Street
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-9000

Dear Mayor Ginther:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-94 on December 20th, 2019, which includes FY 2020 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2020 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$7,460,088
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$4,458,293
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$1,411,766
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$623,661

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$33,385,440 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

Because the funds are not appropriated by Congress, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) formula allocation will be announced at a later date under separate cover.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a

community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Woll, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a distinct 'W'.

David C. Woll, Jr.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary