

Department of Administration Community Development Grants Administration

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Steven L. Mahan Community Block Grant Director

June 21, 2010

Mr. James Sayers Milwaukee Neighborhood Reclamation Company, LLC 809 North Broadway, 1st Floor Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Obligation Requirements- NSP1 Funds

Dear Mr. Sayers:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has addressed their second letter of concern to the Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) on the NSP1 Grant's unallocated obligations.

Milwaukee Neighborhood Reclamation Company, LLC (MNRC) was awarded an aggregate of \$1,004,219 for NSP1 activity. As of June 15, 2010, MNRC has obligated \$763,225; 76% in Landbank activity. CDGA would like to remind MNRC on the importance on having all NSP1 funds obligated by HUD's deadline of September 18, 2010.

If funds are not 100% obligated, The City of Milwaukee is at risk of recapture and reallocation of NSP1 grant funds. In the event that a portion of the NSP1 funds are recaptured, this will greatly jeopardize the NSP2 award for \$25,000,000. Attached are copies of The City of Milwaukee's letter of concern from HUD and a summarized report from The City Comptroller which itemizes NSP obligations and expenditures per activity.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. Your CDGA Program Officer, Nicole Brookshire is available to assist you at 286-5548 should you have any questions.

Steven L. Mahan Block Grant Director

Since

Attachments
Cc: Program Officer, CDGA
Judy Allen, DCD
Maria Prioletta, DCD
Kimberly Montgomery, Mayor's Office
Members of Special Joint Committee on Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes





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June 9, 2010

Steven L. Mahan, Program Director City of Milwaukee-Community Block Grant Administration 200 E. Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Mahan:

RE: Obligation Requirements

Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1

This letter is a reminder to the City of Milwaukee that the NSP-1 program has a 100% obligation requirement that is coming due on September 18, 2010.

The United States Congress created the NSP-1 program under Title III of Division B of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA). According to HERA "any grantee receiving a grant shall, not later than 18 months after the receipt of such amounts, use such amounts to purchase and redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties". The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued the terms of this requirement in the Federal Register Notice Vol. 73, No 194 Part II(M)(1) Timeliness of Use and Expenditure of NSP Funds. For the statutory 18-month use period, Accounting records and DRGR information must reflect outlays (expenditures) and un-liquidated obligations for approved activities that, in the aggregate, are at least equal to the NSP allocation.

As of June 2, 2010, The City of Milwaukee has obligated \$4,916,126 out of its \$9,197,465 NSP-1 allocation. This is an obligation rate of 53.5%. The City of Milwaukee must obligate an additional \$4,281,339, by September 18, 2010, to be in compliance with the NSP obligation requirement. Any grantee that has less than a 100% obligation rate is at risk of HUD recapturing and reallocating their grant funds.

If there are any questions or if you need technical assistance, please contact Michael Martin, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative at (414) 297-3214, extension 8116.

Sincerely,

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