

Department of Administration Community Block Grant Administration

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Loretta Bruce Executive Director Fair Lending Coalition 2919 W. Highland Boulevard Milwaukee, WI 53208

Re: Fair Lending Coalition-Fair Housing Activities

Dear Ms. Bruce:

It appears that the Fair Lending Coalition (FLC) has closed its doors and has not, for some time, performed the CDBG-funded activities of fair lending. The FLC has ignored letters from my office and letters from the City Comptroller. We have been unable to establish telephone contact with the Executive Director.

The Year 2001 grant of \$50,000, approximately 70% of which was personnel and fringes, had a year end balance of \$25,240.06.

The City Comptroller has been unable to complete a fiscal site review of the Fair Lending Coalition since October 2001 because of lack of supporting documentation and notified you that it would seize cost report processing if the documentation were not provided. The Comptroller is seeking the return of \$5,651 cash advance granted to FLC and the provision of the supporting documentation or the return of the \$24,759.94 paid to the agency for the 2001 grant year.

Further, the Fair Lending Coalition has not submitted all of the required documents to get the organization under contract for year 2002.

My office will recommend to the Community Development Committee that the 2002 CDBG award of \$50,000 be rescinded. The meeting will be held June 18th at 1:30 p.m. in room 301-B, City Hall.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 286-3842

Sincerely,

Juanita Hawkins

Director

cc: Charles Robinson Paulette Douglas Anita Paretti