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Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities

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Steve Mahan, Director
Community Block Grant Administration
Room 606, City Hall
200 East Wells Street
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Re: Hope House of Milwaukee Accounts

Dear Steve:

In anticipation of the implementation of the HEARTH Act, Hope House of Milwaukee Inc. (HH) has reviewed the Federal Register * and is undertaking a series of actions to comply with the new legislation. These actions include:

- Instituting Occupancy Agreements with all Chrysalis Program - Transitional Housing participants;
- Further, this action to comply with the Hearth Act impacts the sources of eligible match that Hope House can use for its Transitional Housing (TH) component - the Chrysalis Project. The primary funding of the TH project is the Department of Housing and Urban Development - Supportive Housing Program (SHP) ;
- Our analysis of the HEARTH Act indicates that Community Development Block Funds (CDBG) continues to be appropriate match for HH's SHP funds , however, HUD will no longer recognize Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) as acceptable match funds for HH's SHP funded project;
- Therefore Hope House is requesting the City of Milwaukee adjust its CDBG Grant by a \$50,000 increase and decrease its City ESG grant by the same amount - \$50,000. To facilitate the Hope House request, Community Advocates (CA) has agreed to an adjustment of its City of Milwaukee grant support for the CA Family Support Center - decrease the allocation of CDBG funds by \$50,000 and increase the allocation City ESG grant by \$50,000.

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If you have any questions relative to this response do not hesitate to contact me at 645-2122 or e-mail kens@hopehousemke.org.

Sincerely



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