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Mr. Antonio M. Pérez Secretary-Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee 809 N. Broadway, 3rd Floor Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Pérez:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 31, 2017 to Ivan Pour, Director of the Office of Capital Improvements.

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 increases the limitation in section 9(g)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act) to 25 percent for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Capital Funds and further permits the Secretary to waive the 25 percent limitation to allow public housing agencies to fund activities authorized under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the 1937 Act for "anticrime and antidrug activities, including the costs of providing adequate security for public housing residents, including above-baseline police service agreements." The FY 2017 Capital Fund Processing Guidance (Guidance) for PHAs listed the information that PHAs must provide HUD in order to allow HUD to make a good cause determination of the request.

Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee's (HACM) letter of July 31, 2017, included all the information required by the Guidance. Specifically, HACM requested 33.23 percent of HACM's FY 2017 Capital Fund Program award, totaling \$803,570, to be transferred to BLI 1406 for Operations. HACM indicated that the reason for this request was the crime and drug activity at Arlington Court, Becher Court, Cherry Court, College Court, Convent Hill, Highland Gardens, Highland Homes, Hillside Terrace, Holton Terrace, Lapham Park, Townhomes at Carver Park, Lincoln Court, Locust Court, Merrill Park, Mitchell Court, Olga Village, Parklawn, Riverview, Westlawn, Westlawn Gardens, and various scattered sites. This crime and drug activity poses a serious threat to the health and safety of the PHA's public housing residents. HACM provided recent crime data at these developments and indicated the specific activities that it plans to undertake including the costs of those activities.

Based on this submission, I find that HACM has provided good cause for the waiver, and I hereby approve HACM's request. Please send a HUD 50075.1 for WI39P00250117 to the Wisconsin Public Housing Program Center, which indicates the amount of funds for BLI 1406 as a result of the waiver.

Should you have questions, please contact Ivan Pour at (202) 402-2488.

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cc: Lucia Clausen, Acting Director, Office of Public Housing, Milwaukee Field Office