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Mr. Tim Parks
Kansas Department of Commerce
Community Development Block Grant Program
915 SW Harrison St., Ste. 250
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Request for Time Extension – CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant

Dear Mr. Parks,

On behalf of the City of Anthony, I am writing to formally request a four (4) month extension to complete activities associated with our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation project.

The City has made substantial progress toward completing the project in the evidence of five completed rehabilitation projects, but has encountered unforeseen challenges that have impacted the project timeline. The City has experienced a lack of qualified applications within the original target area. To address this, the City submitted a target area expansion request, which was approved by the Kansas Department of Commerce on October 31, 2025. The expanded target area included the following boundaries: East Main Street (north), the alley west of South Springfield Avenue (west), the alley east of South Lincoln Avenue (east), and East Hayes Street (south).

Prior to the approval, the City conducted additional outreach and procurement efforts within the expanded area, resulting in one (1) additional demolition project and three (3) additional rehabilitation projects (two owner-occupied units and one rental unit). To support this expansion, a new Environmental Review was completed by SCKEDD, and the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) was approved on January 21, 2026.

In addition, the City encountered significantly higher-than-expected bids for demolition activities. During Bid Tour #2, bids received for voluntary demolition projects at 411 E. Washington and 124 S. Springfield ranged from \$36,150 to \$71,600. The City determined these costs to be an unreasonable use of grant funds and undertook extensive outreach to local and regional contractors. With assistance from SCKEDD, contractors were supported in obtaining UEI numbers to expand the pool of eligible bidders.

These efforts proved successful. Upon re-bidding, five (5) qualified demolition contractors submitted bids, and the City was able to award the projects at significantly reduced costs of \$16,000 and \$7,400, respectively. This approach ensured responsible stewardship of grant funds while maintaining project goals.

At this time, all remaining properties have been inspected and placed out for bid to fully obligate and expend remaining funds. Due to contractor availability and project completion timelines, the City anticipates requiring an additional four (4) months to complete all activities and process final disbursements.

The City of Anthony remains committed to the successful completion of this project and appreciates the Kansas Department of Commerce's continued support and consideration of this request.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Cleveland
Mayor, City of Anthony, Kansas