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Kansas Department of Commerce Tim Parks 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100 Topeka, Kansas 66612-1354

Re: Award Date Time Extension CDBG Grant # 21-HR-001 Arkansas City CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Program

Dear Mr. Parks,

Arkansas City respectfully requests an end-date extension for our CDBG Home Rehabilitation Grant. Currently, the grant is scheduled to expire on March 14, 2024. We are seeking an extension of the award date until July 14, 2024.

Our city has diligently promoted the CDBG Home Rehabilitation Program through extensive social media campaigns, door-to-door outreach, and additional advertising facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce. Despite these efforts, we have encountered challenges in receiving completed applications from the Target Area. After exploring various avenues, the city is now making a final push to complete inspections and rehabilitation of one final property within the Target Area.

We have received numerous positive responses from LMI (Low to Moderate Income) residents outside of the Target Area, demonstrating their commitment to the success of a housing program in their neighborhood if selected for housing rehabilitation.

We firmly believe that a four-month extension will provide the City with the necessary time to complete the final housing rehab, allowing us to proceed with the housing plan and pursue rehabilitation in other areas. We are committed to delivering high-impact programs that positively influence our community and we greatly appreciate your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Jay Warren Mayor, City of Arkansas City