

August 7, 2025

The Honorable Chad Beeson
Mayor, City of Arkansas City
118 West Central
Arkansas City, KS 67005

RE: Award/Condition Letter for CDBG Grant No. 25-HR-001 Contract

Dear Mayor Beeson:

On behalf of Governor Laura Kelly, I am pleased to award the City of Arkansas City a grant of \$300,000 through the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. Added to the local contribution of \$50,000, the total estimated project cost will be \$350,000. This award will provide a portion of the needed funding for your housing rehabilitation project.

The CDBG funds awarded to you are contingent upon the State's receipt of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Representatives from Commerce will contact you soon to guide you through the steps required to finalize the contract between the City and the State. Please note that this award is subject to the successful fulfillment of all applicable contractual requirements.

The contract between the Grantee and the State must be fully executed by **October 1, 2025**. The official start date for this award is **September 1, 2025**. **Please note that this Award/Condition Letter is part of the CDBG contract and should be reviewed in detail.**

Grantee shall ensure compliance with the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA), as amended. VAWA provides housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in many HUD programs, including CDBG. In general, the VAWA rule provides that an applicant for assistance or tenant assisted under a covered housing program may not be denied admission to, denied assistance under, terminated from participation in, or evicted from the housing on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the application or tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the applicant or tenant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy.

Neither the Grantee nor any of their representatives or contractors including public or private nonprofits or for-profit entities may commit HUD assistance to the project or a project activity until Commerce has approved the Grantee's request for the release of funds and environmental certification. Further, no Grantee or their representatives or contractors may commit non-HUD funds for an activity or project if

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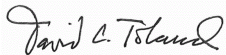
the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives. Examples of choice limiting activities include acquisition of real property, demolition, construction, conversion, leasing, repair or rehabilitation activities. Environmental reviews shall begin after the grant award date and must be cleared within six months from that date. Be aware that should a contract not be executed with the State, any cost incurred toward a project will be borne by the Grantee.

The project must have the first three rehabilitation contracts awarded within one year from the contract start date of September 1, 2025, and have two rehabilitations completed in the following quarter.
Demolition cannot occur until three rehabilitations have been completed. **Failure to meet the construction contract deadline or any other program timelines may result in withdrawal of the grant.**

Your Project Manager, Tim Parks, will be contacting you to schedule a post award meeting with the City to discuss executing the contracts and the next steps. We look forward to assisting you in implementing this project.

The Community Development Block Grant program has been successful in meeting community needs for more than 35 years. Congratulations on developing a fine project that will help your community prosper!

Sincerely,



David C. Toland
Lt. Governor/Secretary of Commerce

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