



September 9, 2022

Jeannine Truswell, President & CEO
Melanie Woolman, VP of Community Impact
United Way of Weld County
P. O. Box 1944
Greeley, CO 80632

RE: 2023 Annual Action Plan Comment

Dear Jeannine and Melanie:

Your comment on the 2023 Annual Action Plan, prepared for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal for 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grants, has been received. The Action Plan includes the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority's (GURA's) budget recommendations that will be presented to the Greeley City Council at its September 27, 2022 work session, with City Council making a decision on the final budget at a public hearing on October 4, 2022.

We would note that while your comment letter is addressed to the GURA Board, their recommendation has been made and will be presented to City Council with a majority vote of the Commissioners. The budget decision now lies with City Council.

The City Clerk will be alerted to your letter so that it can be made a part of the public hearing and heard by City Council. We can either request that it be read into record by the City Clerk, or you can attend the public hearing and read the letter into record yourself. For additional information on the October 4, 2022 public hearing, please access this link: <https://greeleygov.com/government/council>. It explains how to attend the City Council meetings, which are held both in person and virtually. Let us know your preference, please, and we will make sure you have all the information you need if you want to be at the public hearing.

The Board's recommendation is based on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024. Many consultations were held during the formation of the Plan, and it was a result of the consultation, discussions, community surveys, etc. that the high priorities for using CDBG were set for affordable housing and neighborhood improvements. While the Board decided last year to continue support of public services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it determined this year to return to the 2020-2024 Plan's recommendations to focus on affordable housing and capital improvements. We understand the concern for losing funding, the Board's recommendation is only fulfilling what was intended within the current Five-Year Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. R. Salas".

J. R. Salas
GURA Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Larsen".

Carol Larsen
Grant Specialist