



OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVID COULTER

NEIGHBORHOOD
& HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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May 5, 2023

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
City of Novi
45175 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375

RE: 2024-2026 Cooperation Agreement

Dear Mayor Gatt:

We invite the City of Novi to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2024-2026. The City has participated during the past three years. During this period, approximately \$391,004.00 has funded programs to address the needs of low-income residents.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the County to renew its Cooperation Agreement with participating communities every three years. Your participation is essential to the County and the other cities, townships and villages that combine demographics each year to achieve the highest level of federal funding for local projects. Participation in the urban county requires a three-year commitment and your community must remain in the program for the three-year duration. If your community chooses to remain with the urban county, it is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while a part of the urban county. Besides the annual CDBG allocation, participating communities also benefit from the County's federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. HOME funds are combined with CDBG funds each year to improve local housing stock through our Home Improvement Program. HOME funds are also used to develop affordable rental and owner housing. ESG funds are used to meet the needs of the homeless through emergency shelters, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities.

As a current participant, there is a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Novi and Oakland County on file. This three-year Cooperation Agreement is automatically renewed for each three-year cycle unless an amendment is required by HUD. Your CDBG primary contact was provided a copy of the most current Cooperation Agreement and should have it on file. If you require a copy, please contact us.

In order to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county program the City must submit the following document to the County by **Monday, June 12, 2023**:

A resolution (see attached) specifically designed to meet HUD requirements. Please ensure that the original resolution is signed, dated and certified by the City Clerk. Alternatively, the original resolution can be signed and dated by the City Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please send us the original resolution and keep a copy for your records.

If you decide to opt out of the urban county program, a letter signed by the chief executive officer is required. The letter should state that the community intends to opt out of the Oakland County urban county program. Due to federal requirements, you must submit this letter to the County **and** to HUD. Please mail HUD's copy of the letter to Keith E. Hernandez, AICP, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building 477 Michigan Ave., Ste. 1600, Detroit MI 48226 by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. The County's copy of the letter should be mailed to Samantha Ferguson, Grant Compliance Coordinator, by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. If you have questions, please contact Samantha at (248) 858-5312.

Sincerely,



Shane Bies, Manager

cc: Sabrina Lilla, Deputy Finance Director