



Anoka County
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
Community & Governmental Relations

April 15, 2025

City of Spring Lake Park
ATTN: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

VIA: Email

RE: 2026-2028 Urban County Requalification for participation in the following HUD Programs:
- CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program); and
- HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program)

Dear Mr. Buchholtz:

Every three years Anoka County must complete an Urban Requalification process to continue receiving and administering HUD funds from the CDBG and HOME programs. We are currently preparing our requalification for federal fiscal years 2026 through 2028; the county is required to notify participating communities of their option to be excluded from Anoka County's "Urban County" funding cycles for the next three years.

In situations where a community, such as Spring Lake Park, spans two or more urban county entitlements (Spring Lake Park spans Anoka and Ramsey Counties); the city needs to choose one of the following options:

1. Designate the entire city be included as part of only one urban county entitlement (Anoka or Ramsey) and excluded from the other; if this choice is made, the city must remain with whichever county it designated the entire 3-year period; **OR**
2. Designate the city will participate as part of more than one "urban county" in which the city is located, provided that a single portion of the split place cannot be included in more than one entitled urban county at a time; **OR**
3. Opt-out from inclusion in either "urban county" (Anoka or Ramsey) program thereby becoming eligible to apply for grants through HUD's small cities program or the State of MN Program.

If you choose to OPT-IN and remain a participant with Anoka County, the following will apply:

- The grant process for your city will remain the same as it is now for CDBG and HOME programs; **AND**
- Your city will continue to be ineligible to apply for individual grants through the HUD Small Cities or State CDBG and HOME programs; **AND**
- The current *Cooperation Agreement* will automatically renew for another three-year period.



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If you choose to OPT-OUT and NOT remain a participant with Anoka County, the following will apply:

- Your city will be able to apply for grants individually through the HUD Small Cities or State CDBG and HOME programs; BUT,
- You will not be eligible to receive funds through Anoka County for federal fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

Please notify Anoka County (by letter and/or Resolution) no later than May 30, 2025, of your intent to:

- Remain a member (Opt-In) or Opt-Out of Anoka County's "Urban County" program;
- As a split city, make your "Urban County" jurisdiction selection (Anoka or Ramsey)

Failure to respond by the deadline means your city will remain a participant in Anoka County's CDBG program for the 2026-2028 qualification period.

Mail your notification to: Anoka County
ATTN: Ruth Thompson
2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 700
Anoka, MN, 55303-5024

Email your notification to: Ruth.Thompson@anokacountymn.gov

If you'd like to receive a scanned copy of the *Cooperative Agreement* to review or if you have any questions, please contact me at 763-324-4601 or Ruth.Thompson@anokacountymn.gov

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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