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Honorable Keith Self  
Collin County Judge  
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192  
McKinney, TX 75071

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Dear Judge Self:

**SUBJECT: Notification of Potential Urban County Qualification  
Community Development Block Grant Program**

This letter is to advise you of Collin County's potential eligibility for designation as an urban county under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The county has been notified that it potentially qualified for designation as an urban county.

HUD's CDBG program provides funds annually to large cities and urban counties, to be used for activities that principally benefit low and moderate income persons and to eliminate slum and blighted conditions. The program was created in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which lists the eligible activities that may be undertaken as decided by the grant recipients' elected officials with citizen input. Information on the CDBG program can be found on HUD's website at [www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs).

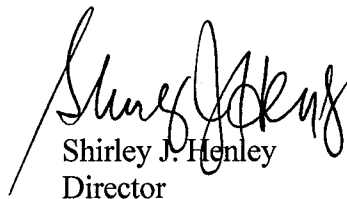
Enclosed you will find a copy of the 2013 Urban County Notice, CPD-13-04, which contains the instructions for urban county qualification for participation in the CDBG program. The qualification schedule is contained in Section II, while the qualification actions the county must take are contained in Section III. Documents that must be submitted to HUD are detailed in Section IV. In Section V you will find information on the contents of the cooperative agreements that must be executed with units of local government that elect to participate in the urban county. If the county chooses to pursue designation as an urban county, HUD must make a determination that the county has powers to carry out essential community development and housing assistance activities in any unincorporated areas that are not units of local government. In order to qualify for CDBG funding in FY 2014, by no later than September 13, 2013, the county must submit a legal opinion to the Fort Worth Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). The legal opinion must address the requirements found in Section IX B of Notice CPD-13-04.

The qualification actions must be completed and the required documentation submitted to the Fort Worth Office of CPD and to the Entitlement Communities Division in HUD Headquarters, before September 30, 2013. Once the information is received, it will be reviewed and a determination will be made by the Entitlement Communities Division as to whether the county will qualify for an allocation of CDBG funds for Fiscal Year 2014. Fort Worth CPD staff is available to assist you throughout the process if the county chooses to pursue designation as an urban county.

If the county chooses not to pursue status as an urban county this year, or if it chooses to permanently relinquish its status as a potential urban county, please notify the Fort Worth Office of CPD in writing by September 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions or if this office may be of further assistance, please contact me at 817-978-5951.

Sincerely,



Shirley J. Henley  
Director

Enclosure