



CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
MAYOR

February 1, 2011

To: Chairman Aaron Lawler and the Lake County Health and Community Services Committee

I am writing to express my concern with the recent Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2010 Housing & Community Development Consolidated Annual Action Plan. On behalf of the residents of the City of North Chicago, I am requesting that the committee reconsider the funding distribution. It is our understanding that the funding should be allocated based on the greatest needs scores, determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to the most recent NSP3 Planning Data, "The neighborhood identified by the NSP3 grantee as being the areas of greatest need must have an individual or average combined index score for the grantee's identified target geography that is not less than the lesser of 17 or the twentieth percentile most needy score in an individual state." The state minimum threshold NSP3 Score in Illinois is 17.

Based upon the above-mentioned criteria, the current Draft Substantial Amendment seems to allocate funding to areas of Lake County that might not meet the required minimum. Therefore, we respectfully request that this committee review and amend the draft to represent the intended purpose for NSP funding. This would in turn redistribute the funds from communities with scores of 16 or less to communities with scores of 17 or greater. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated by the citizens of my city as well as those other Lake County residents in areas of greatest need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon Rockingham, Jr.".

Leon Rockingham Jr.
Mayor

cc: County Board Members