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Governor

Warren Ribley
Director

July 15, 2010

Suzi Schmidt
County Board Chairman
Lake County
18 N. County St.
Waukegan, IL 60085-4304

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

In follow-up to the recent conversation with you or a member of your office, DCEO has pre-approved, match funding under the CDBG "Midwest" Disaster Recovery program funding for activities previously approved and funded in part under the FEMA- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

The attached list identifies the projects approved by IEMA for FEMA HMGP funding at 75% of the project costs. The list briefly describes each project, the project cost, the share funded under the FEMA HMGP program and the remaining share for which CDBG "Midwest" Disaster Recovery program funding has been tentatively approved.

To facilitate the CDBG "Midwest" program funding in support of these projects, we are requesting each CDBG "Midwest"-eligible county, including Lake County to consider one of the following two options:

(1) Oversee project activity and funding on behalf of the county-wide projects listed and oversee projects on behalf of the local communities and/ or special districts within your county; also contained in the attached list,

OR

(2) Oversee project activity and funding only with respect to the county-wide projects listed and sub-grant the non-countywide funding approved to the local community and special district projects listed that are all within your county. This option will thereby allow the local communities and districts the option of leading their own projects identified in the attached list.

We are proposing these two options to consolidate the overall number of individual grant awards, *without impacting the level of funding that will go towards supporting your county and the communities therein.* Either of these options, or a combination, will expedite the final approval and award of program funding-- it is our goal to provide your county and various communities with the funding support needed to ensure that project costs are met.

We also ask that you reach out to the communities and districts identified in the list to discuss these options. An **intergovernmental agreement** between the county and the local communities/ special districts will be needed to reflect your collective decision when you complete the grant agreement. A sample is included in with this letter.

In accepting either option, the County will be responsible for all requirements of the program as outlined in the grant agreement. If you are unfamiliar with the CDBG application, we highly recommend contacting a grant writer that is familiar with our regular CDAP grant requirements to assist you in preparing the application paper work and program requirements. We can assist in identifying individuals in your region if this would be helpful. The CDBG "Midwest" application can be

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Please contact our office if you have questions about this request to determine and communicate which option for making the CDBG Midwest program award. We are asking your office to respond with an initial choice of option 1 or 2 **within two weeks** from the date of this letter. If you have questions, please reach out to Wendy Bell, Community Revitalization Manager, or Stacey Difuccia, as soon as possible. Please contact Wendy at (217) 558-2838 or via email at: wendy.bell@illinois.gov. Please contact Stacey at (217) 558-4106 or via email at stacey.difuccia@illinois.gov.

Your decision will enable DCEO to follow this request with a letter of pre-award of CDBG Midwest program funding. The requested **intergovernmental agreement between** the county and local communities and districts listed can be submitted along with the CDBG Midwest application needed to finalize the award. You will be assigned a DCEO grant manager to assist you with the application. Once the application is complete, DCEO will approve the CDBG Midwest program award for the projects listed.

Sincerely,

Wendy Bell
Office of Community Development

cc: Warren Ribley
Maureen Palmer

Att. List of pre-approved CDBG Midwest PI program awards
Sample Intergovernmental Agreement