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Mr. Edward G. Talbot
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Dear Mr. Talbot:

Community Planning and Development (CPD) is striving to strengthen its working relationship with our State and local government partners to help achieve greater results in meeting the housing and community development needs of our low- and moderate-income customers. One of our important responsibilities in this ongoing process is the periodic assessment of your accomplishments and performance in the administration of funds provided by CPD and in meeting key program and Departmental objectives, as mandated by the statutes governing these programs.

This review examines information provided by the City of Arvada. In conducting this assessment, we examine your activities for consistency with the priorities and objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. We use the information contained in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) as well as any monitoring reviews conducted during the course of the program year.

Our assessment report that is enclosed covers the following areas:

- Meeting the statutory purposes of the programs
- Consistency with strategies and goals in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan
- Overall Benefit
- Performance Measures
- Timeliness
- Caps on Obligations – CDBG-Administration, Public Service
- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Based upon our analysis and examination of the data available to us, we have determined that the City's overall progress has been satisfactory during the most recent program year. The City of Arvada appears to be administering its programs in a manner consistent with the applicable regulatory requirements. During the period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the City has carried out its program substantially as described in its Consolidated Plan and has the continuing capacity to carry out its approved program in a timely manner. These conclusions on your overall program performance are based solely upon the information available to this office and do not constitute a comprehensive evaluation or approval of specific activities.

You have the opportunity to provide us with your review and comment on the draft Annual Community Assessment. Please provide any review and comment within 30 days of the date of this letter. We may revise the Assessment after considering your views. If we do not receive any response by the end of the 30-day period, the draft Annual Community Assessment will become final without further notice.

The final Annual Community Assessment must be made readily available to the public. You can assist us in this regard by sharing the final Annual Community Assessment with the media; with a mailing list of interested persons; with members of your advisory committee; or with those who attended hearings or meetings. You must also provide a copy of the final Annual Community Assessment to your independent public auditor. HUD will make the final Annual Community Assessment available to the public upon request and may provide copies to interested citizens and groups.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phillip McKeough, Community Planning and Development Representative, at (303) 672-5064.

Sincerely,



Edward Atencio
Acting Director

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

JURISDICTION: City of Arvada

PROGRAM YEAR START: January 1, 2014

PERIOD COVERED BY ASSESSMENT: January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

The Housing and Community Development Act and the National Affordable Housing Act require the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct an annual review of performance by its grant recipients. HUD must determine the extent to which each recipient has complied with the statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs assisted through Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds. This assessment covers the City of Arvada's (Arvada or the City) performance over the 2014 program year, which is the City's final year of its five year 2010 - 2014 Consolidated Plan

Part I. Summary of Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Review and Assessment

The City of Arvada is meeting the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Consistent with this overall benefit requirement, at least 70 percent of CDBG expenditures not used for administration and planning, must be used for the support of activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income (LMI). The City expended 100% of its CDBG award, or \$697,141.10, in the current program year (PY) to benefit LMI residents. During the first three years of the City's three year certification period—2013, 2014 and 2015—the City expended 100% of funds to benefit LMI persons.

Projects funded in the current program year are consistent with strategies and goals in the Annual Action Plan:

Objective	5 year goal	1 year goal	Actual Accomplishments
Affordable Housing	Not Stated	Rehab 24 Households	Rehab 18 Households
Public Services	Not Stated	12,979 Persons / 11,950 Households	46,179 Persons / 14,857 Households

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) indicates that the City is performing well in terms of meeting its 2014 goals and is to be congratulated; however, the City should also evaluate the goals and accomplishments of the entire Consolidated Plan cycle. The City program is consistent with its Consolidated Plan's strategies and performance measures. Furthermore, Arvada is reporting its accomplishments and expenditures in IDIS in a timely and accurate manner.

Part II. Summary of Grantee Performance

CDBG

The regulations require that sixty days prior to the end of the grantee's current program year, the amount of entitlement grant funds available but undisbursed by the U.S. Treasury be not more than 1.5 times the entitlement grant amount for the current program year. The city had 0.94 times the entitlement grant amount for the current program year remaining in the Line of Credit, or \$604,464 meeting the timeliness requirement. We congratulate you on being timely and urge you to continue to meet this important measure of performance.

The City is limited to 20 percent of grant funds and current year's program income for administrative expenses. The city actually expended 9.05 percent of the 2014 \$458,353.00 entitlement plus \$287,289.36 in current year's program income for administration, which is within the allowable amount. Public service obligations are limited to 15 percent of grant funds and prior year program income. The City expended 12.71 percent of the 2014 \$458,353.00 entitlement plus \$131,679.75 in prior year's program income on public service activities, which is also within the allowed amount.

FHEO

HUD's Region VIII Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office reviewed the City of Arvada's 2014 CAPER and submitted a report to CPD and the City on May 1, 2015. That report indicated that Arvada has a Low risk for fair housing and civil rights violations. CPD would be happy to discuss that review with the City; however, specific question will be better addressed by contacting Kelly Cunningham-Bowers, Equal Opportunity Specialist, at 303-672-5185 or kelly.a.cunningham-bowers@hud.gov.

Part III. HUD Evaluation and Conclusions

A. OVERALL EVALUATION

Overall, City of Arvada appears to be making strides in providing affordable housing and addressing its community development needs.

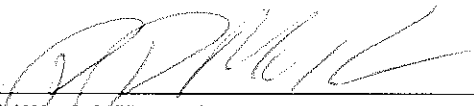
B. CONCLUSIONS AND FINDINGS

Community Planning and Development, Rocky Mountains, Denver, has reviewed available facts and data pertaining to the performance of Arvada for its Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan during the period specified above. Based on the overall review record and the information summarized above, CPD makes the following findings:

1. During the period specified above, the City of Arvada has carried out its program substantially as described in its Consolidated Plan as approved and amended.
2. The Consolidated Plan, as implemented, complies substantially with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.
3. The City of Arvada has the continuing capacity to carry out its approved program in a timely manner.

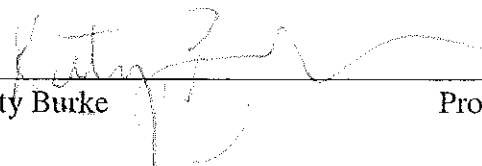
Part IV. Approval

SUMMARY PREPARED BY



Phillip McKeough CPD Representative Date 5/28/15

REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE



Katy Burke Program Manager Date 5/28/15

APPROVAL

Edward Atencio Acting Director Date 5-28-2015