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December 29, 2015

Lee Feldman, City Manager City of Ft. Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Re: County Contract No. 14-CP-HIP-8261-HUD-1 - Chronic Homeless Housing Collaborative ("Agreement"); HUD Grant No. FL0464L4D011200 ("Grant")

Dear Mr. Feldman:

The County has received and reviewed your letter dated December 23, 2015, relating to the aforementioned Agreement. Your letter indicates that the City will release a check as authorized by the City Commission in the amount of \$61,836.29 with an "appropriate release statement and the lifting of the reimbursement suspension for current year Grant funds."

Please accept this letter as written confirmation that the suspension of payment, authorized by Article 4, Section 4.6 of the Agreement relating to undisputed ineligible expenses received by the City as identified in HUD OIG Audit Report No. 2015-AT-1008 in the sum of \$61,836.25 will be released upon the County's receipt of:

- (1) payment of in the amount of \$61,836.25; and
- (2) resubmission of revised January, February and May 2015 invoices for the 2013 period using the Rental Reasonableness charges identified by the HUD OIG.

If this letter is insufficient to satisfy the requested "appropriate release statement" please provide additional clarification, including requested language, for consideration by the County. This was a federal audit and repayment is required in order to release the "finding".

In terms of the additional \$36,491.36 in ineligible expenditures, the County had not been notified until now that the City is formally disputing these charges. Therefore, the County requests that City provide written documentation to justify the eligibility of the expenses along with the basis of the dispute(s) as permitted under the applicable HUD regulations so the County can work expeditiously to resolve dispute(s). Our goal is to avoid another audit finding in the future.

In order to successfully resolve the aforementioned issues in a timely manner, it may be appropriate to schedule a meeting between the appropriate staffs to discuss the situation. My staff stands ready to meet.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Singerely,

Bertha Henry

**County Administrator** 

cc: Kimm Campbell, Acting Human Services Department Director

Mandy Wells, Community Partnerships Director

Michael R. Wright, Homeless Initiative Partnership Administrator