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Homeless Initiative Partnership Section

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February 12, 2016

Mr. Lee Feldman
City Manager
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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

Dear Mr. Feldman:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 26, 2016 which acknowledged the City's repayment of \$61,836.29 in ineligible expenses as determined by the HUD Office of Inspector General and also communicated the City's dispute relating to its obligation to repay \$36,491.36 in expenses identified by the County as ineligible expenses. Your letter also advises that City staff is prepared to discuss an appropriate resolution to the matter and I will be following up to schedule a meeting for that purpose.

In response, it may be helpful to bifurcate the issues related to ineligible expenses in to two separate categories: (1) Maintenance Work Charges and (2) Furniture Charges. The bifurcation of the two categories and clarification of the issues may help facilitate a resolution.

(1) Maintenance Worker Charges

The questioned eligibility of the maintenance worker reimbursement relates to the lack of supporting documentation to verify that the reimbursement was for Grant eligible activities. Please submit personnel activity reports (PAR) to evidence that the maintenance worker was engaged in Grant eligible activities for the hours that the City received maintenance worker reimbursement. The eligibility of reimbursement shall be dependent on the submission and approval of the PAR.

(2) Furniture Charges

Your letter indicates that the City's dispute regarding its repayment obligation is premised on an allegation "that the costs now under question were approved by the Continuum of Care and HUD as submitted in the budget allocation..." The error with the City's position is that the budget submitted by the City with its application requested payment for "Furniture". "Furniture" is an eligible cost, 24 CFR 578.55 "Operating Cost Regulation". There was no detail provided by the City to indicate that the City would be seeking reimbursement for ineligible items.

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Based upon the fact that the Operating Cost Regulation does not define "Furniture", I will forward a summary of the items that the City has categorized as "Furniture" to the HUD Miami Field Office for their review and input as to eligibility.

In closing, the Homeless Initiative Partnership staff remain available to continue collaboratively resolving this issue and as indicated, I will be scheduling a meeting to work through these issues.

Please contact me for any additional questions and clarifications.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Wright, MPA
Homeless Initiative Partnership Administrator

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