



Dakota County
Community Development
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Mr. Ben Martig
City Administrator
City of Northfield
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April 12, 2019

Dear Mr. Martig:

Every three years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires urban counties to requalify their entitlement status and participating communities for the purpose of awarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. Dakota County has qualified as an urban county and has received an annual allocation of CDBG funds since 1984. CDBG-funded activities have been a key element to keep our communities strong and vibrant. The HOME program was designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. The ESG program assists individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.

The successful use of these federal programs is due to the active involvement and support from local government. We hope to continue this partnership. If you choose to remain a participant in Dakota County's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, Northfield would continue to be eligible for funding through Dakota County and the Dakota County CDA as its program administrator; however, Northfield would be ineligible to apply for the state Small Cities CDBG program. Although only a portion of the City of Northfield is located within Dakota County, the entire area of Northfield would continue to be eligible for funds.

If the City of Northfield chooses to continue participation, no action is necessary. The existing Cooperation Agreement will automatically renew unless you specifically request to terminate, per Section III of the agreement. **If Northfield chooses to terminate its participation, it must notify both the CDA and the HUD Field Office of its election to be excluded from Dakota County's CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding entitlement no later than May 17, 2019, along with a copy of the applicable meeting minutes or resolution.** This information should be sent to:

Dakota County CDA
Attn. Maggie Dykes
1228 Town Centre Dr.
Eagan, MN 55123

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Attn. Jacki Richter
212 Third Avenue South, Suite 150
Minneapolis, MN 55401

If you have any questions regarding this process or the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, please contact me at (651) 675-4464 or at mdykes@dakotacda.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,
DAKOTA COUNTY CDA

Maggie Dykes, Asst. Director of Community & Economic Development