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January 19, 2022

Dr. Matthew King
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Greensboro Field Office – Asheville Building
1500 Pinecroft Rd, Suite 401
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Re: Response - Annual Community Assessment of CPD Program

Performance: 2020 CAPER

Dear Dr. King:

The City of Goldsboro has completed a response to the Annual Community Assessment of the City of Goldsboro's 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report. The following outlines what measures have been taken and/or will be taken to address each matter:

 At least 70% of all annual expenditures must benefit low/moderate income individuals. Goldsboro used 98.24% of its entitlement expenditures and 0% of its CDBG-CV expenditures for Program Year 2020; however, the CDBG-CV funds must meet this requirement based on the overall total CDBG-CV funds expended.

<u>Response</u>: In the current and future program years, the City of Goldsboro will ensure that funded activities will benefit low/moderate income individuals at the required 70% for CDBG.

• Goldsboro overdrew on the 20% planning and administrative cap for CDBG in Program Year 2019 by 10.73%, for a total amount of \$38,528.64.

<u>Response</u>: The City of Goldsboro's Finance Department processed the electronic wire transfer on Thursday, January 13, 2022, repaying the amount of \$38,528.64.

• Goldsboro must spend an additional \$31,037 of CDBG funds between now and May 2, 2022 in order to pass the required timeliness test. Grantees are considered timely if they have no more than the equivalent of 1.5 times the most recent grant in the account 60 days prior to the end of the program year.

<u>Response</u>: The City of Goldsboro is on track to spend the \$31,037 by providing Public Service grants and/or and/or potentially funding a public facilities project.

• The CAPER is to be submitted within 90 days of the end of the Grantee's program year. Goldsboro's program year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, therefore the CAPER deadline is September 28<sup>th</sup> of each year. Goldsboro's 2020 CAPER did not meet this requirement.

Response: The City of Goldsboro's CAPER was submitted on September 30, 2021. Staff inadvertently

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counted business days for 3 calendar months as the 90-day count and did not count the weekend days. Staff will ensure that the document will be submitted in accordance with the September 28th deadline in the future.

 HUD requires the Grantee to commit 15% of funds in its HOME fund account for certified CHDO's (Community Housing Development Organization), within two years of receipt of funds. Goldsboro's program has met these requirements for Program Year 2020, however, it is noted that Goldsboro has yet to reserve \$32,290.80 in the 2019 grant year.

**Response**: The City of Goldsboro has reached out to HUD/Greensboro Field Office for technical assistance and learned that the deadline for the Program Year 2019 CHDO reservation was August 31, 2021. The City's one certified CHDO is Habitat for Humanity of Wayne County. We will continue to work with HUD staff to ensure the reservation is made by the end of this week, no later than January 21, 2022.

• HOME Open Activities: #684, #687, #691-The HOME regulations require that activities be completed within 120 days of final draw. HUD's open activity report indicates that Goldsboro has three activities in IDIS which have an extended number of days from the last draw (#684 - 457 days, #687 - 229 days, and #691 - 219 days). Goldsboro should review these activities and close them in IDIS as applicable.

## Response:

Activity #684- Completed and closed on January 6, 2022.

Activity #687-Completed and closed on January 10, 2022.

Activity #691-Unable to complete/close at this time. This activity requires further research and consultations with City staff. It is anticipated that this activity could be closed soon. The City of Goldsboro will provide a follow up on the status of this activity, no later than Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

The City of Goldsboro would like to thank you for your continued guidance and support to us as we work through these items identified in our 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. We understand that your assessment and our courses of action will be made available for public review.

Sincerely,

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Timothy M. Salmon, City Manager

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