

Temporary Employment of Unemployed Persons as a Public Service

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Honorable John Fedo
Mayor of Duluth
Duluth, MN 55802

Dear John:

My staff has reviewed your request for a determination that temporary employment of unemployed persons is eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as a public service. While creating jobs using public funds is not, by definition, a service to the public, CDBG recipients can provide jobs to unemployed persons by carrying out a number of eligible activities. Activities under your Special Employment Project must be evaluated for CDBG eligibility and fundability based on the character of the work performed by the persons hired under that project. Such work must be included in the list of eligible activities and must meet one of the three broad national objectives of the CDBG program.

The activities you mentioned during our discussion appeared to meet the program's requirements. I encourage you to continue the Special Employment Project, and feel sure that together, the City and HUD can identify sufficient work which meets the program's requirements to qualify the additional \$200,000 for these temporary jobs. I have instructed the Minneapolis Field Office to support you in doing so in every possible way.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Stephen J. Bollinger
Assistant Secretary