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The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor, State of Alaska  
Post Office Box 110001  
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Subject: 2019 Program Year Review Letter

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

HUD is required by federal regulations to review, on an annual basis, the performance of each jurisdiction that receives grant funding through the consolidated plan process. Pursuant to title 24 of the code of federal regulations part 91.525(b), this letter serves as HUD's written performance report.

HUD is obligated to determine on an annual basis that the State of Alaska (SOA) has a continuing capacity to implement and operate programs for which HUD assistance is received, primarily, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The Program Year Review Letter serves as the mechanism for HUD to communicate to the SOA and citizens the results of HUD's determinations for the program year. The following is HUD's analysis for the period, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, designated as program year 2019 (PY19). PY19 was the fifth year of the State's five-year Consolidated Housing & Community Development Plan that covered the State fiscal years 2016 – 2020 (Consolidated Plan).

### **Community Development Block Grant**

The SOA's Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA), is charged with programmatic responsibility for the administration of the CDBG program. For PY19 the SOA received a CDBG allocation of \$3,017,702.

The SOA reports it awarded CDBG funds to five communities in PY19. Those CDBG funds will be used to create a suitable living environment, through targeted community development and planning activities, to the benefit of 672 low and moderate-income persons.

## **Emergency Solutions Grant**

The ESG program is administered by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). For PY19 the SOA received an ESG allocation of \$250,712. These ESG funds were distributed to five agencies located in Juneau, Fairbanks, Kodiak and Wasilla. During PY19 ESG funds provided homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and shelter support that resulted in 943 persons being assisted.

## **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

The HOME allocation for the SOA is also administered by AHFC. The SOA received an allocation of \$3,005,732 in HOME funds for PY19. During PY19 using HOME funds, 12 rental housing units were constructed. In addition, 72 households were assisted with tenant based rental assistance. HOME funded homeownership activities assisted 26 households during the program year. Total HOME funded activities during PY19 provided improved affordability and/or sustainability of decent housing for 110 families.

## **Housing Trust Fund**

During PY19 the State received an allocation of \$3,000,000 under the Housing Trust Fund. AHFC was designated as the agency to administer those funds. AHFC awarded a subgrant of \$550,000 to the Municipality of Anchorage, to carry out HTF activities within the Municipality of Anchorage, with the remaining funds to be distributed through the Greater Opportunities for Affordable Living program. Rental housing development included the State's first three HTF assisted units being completed this year.

## **Other HUD Programs**

AHFC continues to serve as Alaska's statewide public housing authority (PHA). For PY19 AHFC continued participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration program. The MTW demonstration is overseen by HUD through the Office of Public and Indian Housing. Full reporting and correspondence for MTW is handled under separate cover.

AHFC continues to lead the statewide Continuum of Care process. AHFC was designated as the collaborative applicant for the "balance of state continuum" (excepting Anchorage) in the HUD 2019 homeless continuum of care grant competition. This facilitated the award of \$879,834 in the 2019 competition.

## **HUD Conclusion**

The SOA directly received a total of \$9,274,146 in federal funds from HUD for housing and community development activities. This investment in Alaska has resulted in the creation and preservation of affordable housing and addressed community development needs, first time home buyers, homeless persons, and persons with special needs. Based on HUD's review of the SOA's performance in the CDBG, HOME, HTF, and ESG programs during PY19, the following determinations have been made:

The SOA has carried out its program substantially as described in its Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan submission, as implemented, complies with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

The SOA has the continuing capacity to carry out the approved program.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (907) 677-9890.

Sincerely,

/s/

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