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May 3, 2021

Carolyn K. Mayinja  
Community Planning & Development Representative  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
The Wanamaker Building, 12th Floor  
100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380

Dear Ms. Mayinja,

The Town of Bloomsburg received its letter dated April 8, 2021 regarding HUD's review of its Program Year 2019 CAPER. At the conclusion of this letter, it was requested that the Town of Bloomsburg notify your office within 35 days regarding any comments.


Please accept this letter as formal notification that the Town of Bloomsburg has received and reviewed this letter. Please accept the following two comments concerning the CAPER review:

1. The CAPER Review cites that the Town's timeliness ratio was calculated at 1.78 times its annual grant on August 2, 2020. Although this is an accurate statement, it is important to note for the record that Tyler Dombroski, SEDA-COG, submitted a letter to Fatina Ming, HUD on July 22, 2020, on the Town's behalf concerning this matter. In Mr. Dombroski's letter, he provided discussion regarding unanticipated project delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Obviously, these delays were outside of the Town's control and ultimately impacted the Town's timeliness ratio.
2. The CAPER review letter notes that the Town adopted its FFY 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments on July 14, 2020. However, the impediments then noted in the CAPER Review letter are from the FFY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and not the FFY 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments. The impediments identified in the FFY 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments will be discussed in the FFY 2020 CAPER including actions taken during the FFY 2020 program year to address the impediments. The FFY 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments will also be discussed in greater detail in the FFY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.

Ms. Shrawder will take the initiative, on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg, to inform the general public, interested citizen organizations, and non-profit entities, of the performance letter sent by HUD on April 8, 2021.

Thank you for the technical assistance that you provide our community as it relates to our CDBG program. Please contact Ms. Shrawder of any matters related to our CDBG program moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Dooley". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Dooley" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Dooley, Town Manager  
Town of Bloomsburg

CC: William Kreisher, Town of Bloomsburg  
Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-Council of Governments