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Mr. Warren Ribley
Director
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
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Dear Mr. Ribley:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Substantial Amendment to your jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan has been approved for funding. Grant award letters containing specific award amounts, documents, and instructions to facilitate the execution and implementation of the grant will be sent by the local HUD field office under separate cover.

The HPRP is authorized under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Congress crafted legislation and allocated funding for communities to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

HPRP is one of several Recovery Act grant programs authorized under the Obama administration. HUD encourages HPRP grantees to collaborate with eligible entities to maximize the expeditious and coordinated use of all Recovery Act funds. HUD further encourages grantees to take advantage of technical assistance that has been made available by the Department at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery> or <http://www.hudhre.info>.

Thank you for all of your efforts to accomplish this mission. Your continued cooperation with HUD is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson R. Bregón".

Nelson R. Bregón
General Deputy Assistant Secretary