



Office of Economic and
Community Development

October 16, 2009

Mr. Steven Stein
Office of Community Planning and Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3380

Re: Scranton, Pennsylvania
Community Development Block Grant Program – Recover (CDBG-R)

Dear Mr. Stein:

The Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R) Agreement between the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Scranton was executed on September 1, 2009 in the amount of \$916,485.00. This funding is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Four contracts will be prepared for the following: contractor for the paving; contractor for the Crisp Avenue Bridge; and two Economic Development contracts will be involved with this funding.

CDBG- R Paving - \$300,000.00

The legal ad for the CDBG-R paving was advertised in the Scranton Times on September 14 and September 15, 2009. A pre-bid conference was held on September 21, 2009 in OECD and the bid opening was held in Council Chambers on September 29, 2009. The bids are currently under review for accuracy and compliance. A contract has not been awarded to date. To date this is the only activity that has been implemented under CDBG-R.

Crisp Avenue Bridge - \$150,000.00

The City has hired an Engineer for the bridge. The City Engineer is waiting for permits from the Department of Environmental Protection in order to go forward with the construction of the bridge.

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Mt. Pleasant Corporate Center – (SLIBCO) - \$250,000.00

Attached please find an update on the Mt. Pleasant Corporate Center project along with the City Council Agenda indicating Resolutions for traffic signals that are needed for the project. As indicated the CDBG-R funding will be used on the infrastructure for the Corporate Center. No contract or funding has been released to date until all Resolutions are passed and approved by Council.

Economic Development Activities - \$150,000.00

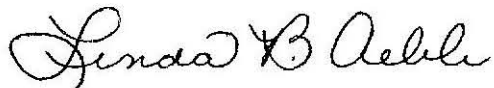
Two economic development activities in the amount of \$100,000 and \$50,000 are allocated for this activity.

Administration - \$66,485.00

As of 10/16/2009 no funding has been drawn from CDBG-R Administration.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 570/348-4216.

Sincerely,



Linda B. Aebli
Executive Director

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Cc: Mrs. Lori Reed, Deputy Director, OECD
Mr. Kevin Mitchell, Director of Finance and Compliance, OECD
Mr. Brian Swanson, City Engineer