

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolutions for Henderson County's
2011 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant

PRESENTER: Anthony Starr, AICP, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Resolution to accept 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant Agreement and Funding Approval
2. Resolution Authorizing Planning Director to Sign NC Commerce Department Reports & Documents
3. 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant Agreement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On February 6, 2012 the Board of Commissioners approved the Henderson County selection committee to rank and choose homeowners for assistance. Attached are two resolutions required for the County to begin the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Community Development Block Grant (\$400,000). As required by the NC Department of Commerce Division of Community Investment and Assistance, the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval must be signed and returned to the Community Investment Division by August 22, 2012. Specifically, they include:

- 1) A resolution accepting the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Community Development Block Grant Agreement and funding approval
- 2) A Resolution Authorizing the Planning Director to Sign Commerce Department Reports & Documents

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve and individually adopt the resolutions.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Board approve and adopt the attached Resolution accepting the 2011 Scattered Site housing Grant Agreement and Funding Approval; AND

I move that the Board approve and adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Planning Director to Sign NC Commerce Department Reports and Documents.

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SCATTERED SITE HOUSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GRANT AGREEMENT AND
FUNDING APPROVAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS -- NO-11-C-2316**

WHEREAS, Henderson County is participating in a Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing Act of 1974, as amended, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County has been allocated a CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for housing improvements in Henderson County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

Section 1. The Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the Funding Approval and Grant Agreement on behalf of the County.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and Approved this the 6th day of August, 2012.

Thomas H. Thompson, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Teresa L. Wilson
Clerk to the Board

**HENDERSON COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SIGN
REQUIRED NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the County of Henderson has received Grant funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the County of Henderson must sign various reports and documents, which need to be periodically sent to the North Carolina Department of Commerce OR the Division of Community Investment and Assistance during the administration of grant programs ; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Anthony Starr, the Planning Director, is designated to sign these correspondence, reports, administrative documents, and CDBG recipient loan agreements, as well as documents related to purchasing and modification of pricing or purchasing on behalf of Henderson County's Board of Commissioners and that Carey McLelland, the Finance Director, is designated as an alternate should Anthony Starr not be available. All documents will be approved in accordance with the Henderson County Purchasing Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the authorization is to be effective on August 6th, 2012.

Adopted and Approved this the 6th day of August, 2012.

Thomas H. Thompson, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to Board



North Carolina Department of Commerce
Community Investment and Assistance
Community Development Block Grant Program

Received
July 10, 2012

(Scattered Site Rehabilitation)
Grant Agreement

(Henderson County)

Upon execution of this grant agreement, the North Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) agrees to provide to (Henderson County) the "Recipient" and collectively with DOC, the "Parties"), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) assistance under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (P.L. 93-383), as amended, authorized (and subject to Recipient's compliance with) the DOC funding approval, the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant administrative rules, other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and all other requirements of DOC now or hereafter in effect. The grant agreement is effective on the date the grant agreement and funding approval are signed by the Recipient. The grant agreement consists of the program guidelines and the approved application, including the certifications, maps, schedules and other submissions in the application, any subsequent amendments to this document or the approved application and funding approval and the following general terms and conditions:

1. Definitions. Except to the extent modified or supplemented by the agreement, any term defined in the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L, shall have the same meaning when used herein.
 - (a) Agreement means this grant agreement, as described above and any amendments or supplements thereto.
 - (b) Recipient means **Henderson County** the entity designated as a recipient for grant assistance in the grant agreement and funding approval.
 - (c) Certifications mean the certifications submitted with the grant application pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph (e) of Rule .0407 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L.
 - (d) "Assistance" or "Grant" means the grant funds provided under this Agreement from funds allocated to the State of North Carolina from the Federal Treasury through the CDBG and supporting laws, rules, requirements and regulations, in the amount of **\$400,000.00** except as modified.

- (e) Program means the community development program, project, or other activities, including the administration thereof, for which assistance is being provided under this Agreement and which is described in the Recipient's approved application, as may be modified.
 - (f) The date for receiving the grant means the date of the CI Director's signature on the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval.
2. Timely Execution. Due to the need to expedite the use and expenditure of CDBG funds, Recipient's failure to execute and return a copy of the Agreement within 60 days of the date of the CI Director's signature on the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval may be deemed by DOC to determine the funds are available for reallocation to other subrecipients.
 3. Obligations of the Recipient. The recipient shall perform the Program as specified in the application approved by DOC as may be amended with DOC approval. The Recipient hereby certifies that it will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, rules and Executive Orders, pursuant to Paragraph (e) of Rule .0407 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L. The Recipient shall also comply with all other lawful requirements of DOC, all applicable requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina specifically N. C. G. S. 87-1-87-15.9 and any other applicable laws, rules, regulations, requirements, and Executive Orders currently or hereafter in force. Recipient is prohibited from any fraud, waste and abuse of CDBG funds by any person or entity. The rules contained in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L (as well as applicable federal rules and regulations) are part of the Agreement, except where specifically modified by applicable law, rule, regulation, DOC, the CDBG HUD Program Requirements and any subsequent amendments, regulations or clarifications to any of the foregoing.

Additionally, Recipient agrees to ensure compliance with respect to the Program and the Grant (and any of its proceeds) with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and requirements, including but not limited to the following (as each may be modified or amended): (1) the CDBG HUD Program Requirements; (2) Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq*), (3) existing CDBG laws, rules, regulations and requirements, as may be amended, including those set forth in 24 C.F.R., Part 570; (4) North Carolina laws, rules, regulations and requirements; (5) DOC guidance and requirements regarding CDBG now or hereafter in effect, including but not limited to: DOC's CDBG Guidelines and Application Instructions, and DOC bulletins or other guidance documents; and (6) Recipient's own approved CDBG application to DOC, as may be amended with DOC approval.

4. Obligations of Recipient with Respect to Certain Third Party Relationships. Recipient is responsible to DOC for ensuring compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and all applicable laws, rules, regulations and requirements, even when the recipient designates a third party or parties to undertake all or any part of the Program. The Recipient shall comply with all lawful requirements of DOC necessary to ensure that the program is carried out in accordance with the Recipient's certifications including but not limited to the certification of assumption of environmental responsibilities under Rule .1004 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L. If the Recipient contracts with or designates a third party to undertake all or part of the Program, the Recipient's contract with the third party must require the third party to comply with this

Agreement, all applicable laws, rules, regulations and requirements, including but not limited to the procurement standards set forth in 4 N.C. Administrative Code 19L .0908 as may be applicable.

Recipient shall likewise ensure that all subrecipient contracts regarding Grant funds or relating to the Program include all required contractual elements in order to be in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to the provisions contained in 24 C.F.R. § 570.503, 24 C.F.R. § 85.37, and other provisions described throughout this Agreement, where applicable. In any event, the Recipient is liable to DOC and HUD for any improper expenditures, damage, loss or harm resulting from the failure of any person or entity to comply with any applicable law, rule, regulation or requirement regarding the Grant funds and/or the Program, including but not limited to an act or omission by a subrecipient or other third party. The Recipient agrees to periodically and rigorously monitor and audit its subrecipients and other third parties to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements.

Any subcontracts or subrecipient agreements entered into by the Recipient with Grant funds shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this Agreement. Payment of all subcontractors and subrecipients shall be the sole responsibility of the Recipient, and DOC shall not be obligated to pay for any work performed by any subcontractor or subrecipient. The Recipient shall be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors and subrecipients and shall not be relieved of any of the duties and responsibilities of this Agreement as a result of entering into subcontracts or subrecipient agreements.

5. Changes to Agreement. Recipient agrees that DOC may supplement or modify this Agreement as may be necessary to implement additional or modified Federal or State guidance regarding implementation of the CDBG program.
6. Conflict of Interest. Recipient agrees to comply with all applicable conflict of interest provisions, including but not limited to those found at 4 N.C.A.C. 19 L .0908 and .0914, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-234, 24 C.F.R. § 85.36, 24 C.F.R. § 570.489 (g) and (h), and 24 C.F.R. § 570.611, where applicable, copies of which may be obtained from DOC.

Except for eligible administrative or personnel costs, the general rule is that no persons described in the following sentence who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to grant activities assisted under this Agreement or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a Grant-assisted activity, or have an interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds there under, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

The conflict of interest summary in the sentence above generally applies to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the state, or of a unit of general local government, or of any designated public agencies, or Recipient or applicable third parties which are receiving CDBG grant funds.

Recipient agrees to include these same prohibitions in all such contracts or subcontracts with any subrecipients or other third parties relating to the Program.

In any event, the Assistance provided under this Agreement shall not be used in the payment of any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining DOC approval of the application for such assistance, or DOC approval of applications for additional assistance, or any other approval or concurrence of DOC required under this Agreement, or the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, with respect thereto; provided, however, that reasonable fees or bona fide technical, consultant, managerial or other such services, other than actual solicitation, are not prohibited if otherwise eligible as program costs and allowed by applicable law.

Additionally, certain limited exceptions to the conflict of interest rules listed in 24 C.F.R. § 570.489 may be granted in writing by HUD and/or DOC upon written request and the provision of information specified in 24 C.F.R. § 570.489(h)(ii)(4).

7. Reimbursement to DOC for Improper Expenditures. The Recipient will reimburse DOC for any amount of Grant assistance improperly expended, either deliberately or non-deliberately, by any person or entity. Additionally, a contract for administrative services shall include a clause holding the administrator organization responsible for reimbursement to the Recipient for any improperly expended grant funds that had to be returned to DOC.
8. Recordkeeping Requirements. Recipient will maintain any and all records and comply with all responsibilities as may be required under typical CDBG recordkeeping (for example, records and responsibilities set forth in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.0911 (“Recordkeeping”), 24 C.F.R. 570.490 (“Recordkeeping Requirements”), 24 C.F.R. § 570.506 (“Records to be maintained”) and 24 C.F.R. § 85.42 (“Retention and Access Requirements for Records”) as each may be modified by HUD or DOC) as well as records and responsibilities related to CDBG or specifically to CDBG funds. Recipient agrees to comply with any additional record-keeping requirements now or hereinafter set forth by DOC, HUD or any other federal or state entity.
9. Access to Records. The Recipient shall provide any duly authorized representative of DOC, the State of North Carolina, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Comptroller General, the Inspector General and other authorized parties at all reasonable times access to and the right to inspect, copy, monitor, and examine all of the books, papers, records, and other documents relating to the grant for a period of five years following the completion of all close-out procedures. All original files shall be maintained at the Local Government offices for access purposes.
10. Release of Personal, Financial and Identifying Information. To ensure and document compliance with CDBG income requirements as well as other matters, Recipient shall obtain and retain personal, income-related, financial, tax and/or related information from companies, individuals and families that are benefitting from Grant or Program funds. Additionally, Recipient is obligated to provide access to any and all information relating to the Program to DOC, HUD or some other appropriate federal or state monitoring entity, upon DOC’s request. This obligation includes, but is not limited to, the personal, financial and identifying information of individuals assisted by the Program. As such, Recipient shall obtain any releases or waivers from all individuals or entities necessary to ensure that this

information can be properly and legally provided to appropriate federal and state entities, including DOC and HUD, without issue or objection by the individual or entity.

11. Project Savings. The Recipient is obligated to contribute 100 percent of its pledged **cash** contribution to the CDBG project even if the project experiences a savings after authorized activities are completed. Any project savings accrue to the CDBG program. **Substitution of in-kind contributions for cash is not allowed.**
12. Expenditure of Non-CDBG Funds. The recipient must ensure that non-CDBG funds are expended along with CDBG funds, following the implementation schedule described in the approved application and modified by the Performance Contract (or otherwise with DOC approval), and shall report on non-CDBG expenditures with each Annual Performance Report, consistent with Section .1100 PERFORMANCE of the program regulations (4NCAC 19L) as well as any other applicable reporting requirements.
13. Method of Payment. The Department of Commerce uses the Office of State Controller (OSC) to make CDBG payments to units of local government. The Electronic Payment Form from OSC must be completed for funds to be electronically transferred. Arrangements must be made with the Finance Officer in Community Investment and Assistance if a Recipient does not want to use the electronic funds transfer.
14. Fair Housing. Recipients of CDBG funds are required to comply with fair housing and non-discrimination laws and regulations. Recipients should consult Section .1001 of the CDBG administrative rules for further information on equal opportunity requirements. Recipients are required to submit a fair housing plan for its jurisdiction. Recipients with 10,000 persons or more will be required to complete an Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study. For each grant year that a CDBG project is active, a Recipient must describe the actions it will take in the areas of enforcement, education and removal of barriers and impediments to affirmatively further fair housing. Guidance for developing a Fair Housing Plan can be found in CDBG Bulletin 10-25 and the CDBG Compliance Plans and Templates (www.nccommerce.com/cd/investment-assistance/forms-resources).
15. Equal Employment and Procurement Opportunity. A Recipient must describe the actions it will take annually while the grant is open in the areas of enforcement, education and removal of barriers and impediments that affirmatively further equal access in employment and procurement. This includes a description of steps to be taken in the areas of advertisement, compliance and complaint tracking.
16. Local Economic Benefit (Section 3 Regulation). For each year that a CDBG is active, the Recipient must describe a strategy whereby opportunities in employment and procurement arising out of a CDBG assisted project are identified and made available to low-income residents within the CDBG assisted area to the greatest extent feasible. This strategy must include (1) identification of training and technical assistance resources to prepare low-income residents for employment and procurement opportunities, (2) attempts to reach the numerical targets for new hires set forth in the Section 3 regulation, which applies to Recipients receiving \$200,000 or more in non-administrative line items expended for construction contracts and (3) education of low-income residents within the CDBG assisted area about the components and opportunities of the program.

In addition, Recipients will be required to coordinate additional activities as it relates to Section 3 with the DOC CDBG Compliance Office.

17. Section 504 and ADA. Recipients must complete the Section 504 Survey and Transition Plan. This plan will not satisfy all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but it will meet the minimum requirements for a CDBG assisted project.
18. Environmental Review. Recipients of CDBG funds are required to complete the document entitled, "Environmental Review Procedures for the CDBG Program." Once the Environmental Review Record (ERR) is received, CI will review for completeness and submit selected CDBG ERRs if required to the State Clearinghouse for other State agencies to review and comment. Recipients cannot conduct any program activities until CI issues an environmental clearance.
19. Language Access Plan (LAP). Recipients of Federal financial assistance have an obligation to reduce language barriers that can preclude meaningful access by Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons to important government programs, services, and activities. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000(d) and its implementing regulations require that Recipients take responsible steps to ensure meaningful access by LEP persons. Recipients will be required to submit a language access plan using the approved template from CI. The plan will address the LAP policy, translation of required vital documents, and requirements for citizen participation.
20. Procurement Standards. Where applicable, Recipient shall follow the procurement standards established in the "Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments" (24 C.F.R., Part 85) and HUD implementing regulations contained in 24 C.F.R. § 570.489(g), which explicitly prohibit cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting. 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.0908.
 - a. Any Recipient or Subrecipient shall follow other applicable procurement standards set forth in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.0908, and the relevant laws cited therein, including but not limited to, laws related to conflicts of interest (N.C.G.S. §14-234), public building contracts (N.C.G.S. § 148-128 to 135), and payment and performance bonds (N.C.G.S. § 44A-25 through 35); acquisition and relocation (4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1003); property management standards (4 N.C.A.C. 19L.0909); equal opportunity (4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1001); and labor standards (4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1006).
 - b. Recipient shall likewise follow all other applicable federal and state procurement rules, guidelines and procedures, including those set forth in Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-87 ("Cost Principles for State and Local Governments").

In any event, per 24 C.F.R. 570.489(g), all purchase orders and contracts shall include any clauses required by Federal statutes, executive orders and implementing regulations.

Additionally, Recipient acknowledges and agrees that, in its conduct under this Agreement and in connection with any and all expenditures of Grant funds made by it, Recipient, its officers, agents and employees shall be and are subject to the provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes and the North Carolina Administrative Code relating to and governing procurement, public contracts, suspension and debarment. Recipient further acknowledges and agrees that, in the event that it grants any of the Grant funds awarded hereunder to one or more subrecipients or other applicable entities, Recipient shall, by

contract, ensure that the provisions of all applicable laws relating to and governing procurement, public contracts, suspension and debarment are made applicable to and binding upon any and all subrecipients and/or other applicable entities.

21. **Labor Standards.** Recipient shall follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations concerning the payment of wages, contract work hours, safety, health standards, and equal opportunity for CDBG-R programs, including but not limited to the rules set forth in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1006, 24 C.F.R. § 570.603 and the following (as may be applicable to CDBG-R projects):
- a. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C.A. 276a). Among other provisions, this act requires that prevailing local wage levels be paid to laborers and mechanics employed on certain construction work assisted with CDBG funds.
 - b. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C.A. 327 through 333). Under this act, among other provisions, laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on construction work assisted with CDBG funds must receive overtime compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in any workweek. Violators shall be liable for the unpaid wages and in addition for liquidated damages computed in respect to each laborer or mechanic employed in violation of the act.
 - c. Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), requiring among other things that covered employees be paid at least the minimum prescribed wage, and also that they be paid one and one-half times their basic wage rate for all hours worked in excess of the prescribed work-week.
 - d. Federal anti-kickback laws (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276), which, among other things, outlaws and prescribes criminal penalties for "kickbacks" of wages in federally financed or assisted construction activities. Weekly statements of compliance and weekly payrolls must be provided by all contractors and subcontractors.

Recipient agrees to maintain records regarding compliance with the laws and regulations cited in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1006 (including the citations listed above) in accordance with 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.0911.

All contracts between Recipient and third parties shall contain labor standards provisions as required in 4 N.C.A.C. 19L.1006.

22. **Architectural Barriers.** Per 4 N.C.A.C.19L.1007, 24 C.F.R. §§ 570.487 and 570.614 and other applicable law, all applicable buildings or facilities designed, constructed or altered with CDBG Grant funds shall be made accessible and useable to the physically handicapped as may be required by applicable laws, rules, regulations or requirements. Additionally, Recipient must comply with the following (as may be applicable to CDBG projects):
- a. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-480). This act requires Recipient to ensure that certain buildings constructed or altered with CDBG funds are readily accessible to the physically handicapped.
 - b. Minimum Guidelines and Requirements for Accessible Design 36 C.F.R. Part 1190. These regulations establish guidelines for implementing the federal acts described in 4 N.C.A.C.19L.1007(1)(a). The regulations provide technical standards which must be met by Recipient.
 - c. Americans with Disabilities Act ["ADA"] and the ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities or the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.

- d. North Carolina Building Code, Volume I, Chapter 11-X. These provisions describe minimum standards Recipient must meet in constructing or altering building and facilities, to make them accessible to and useable by the physically handicapped.
23. Change of Use of Real Property. Recipient agrees not to change the use or planned use of any property acquired with CDBG funds from that for which the acquisition or improvement was made, in accordance with this Agreement and applicable law, rule, regulation or requirement, unless (i) the DOC grants explicit written approval and (ii) the requirements of 24 C.F.R. § 570.489(j), 24 C.F.R. § 570.505 and other applicable requirements are followed, as modified (or as may be modified) by HUD or DOC.
24. Obligation of Recipient With Regard to Vacant Units. The recipient shall ensure that all vacant units being rehabilitated will be occupied by a low or moderate income person by the time close-out occurs.
25. Utility Assessments or Fees: Assessments or fees to recover the CDBG funded portion of a utility project may be charged to properties not owned and occupied by low and moderate income persons. Such assessments are program income and, as such, must be used for eligible CDBG activities that meet a CDBG national objective.
26. False or Misleading Information. Recipient is advised that providing false, fictitious or misleading information with respect to CDBG funds may result in criminal, civil, or administrative prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, 18 U.S.C. § 1343, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, 31 U.S.C. § 3801, or another applicable statute. Recipient shall promptly refer to DOC and HUD's Office of the Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub-grantee, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving CDBG funds.
27. Disputes with DOC. If Recipient has any disagreement or dispute with any action or inaction by DOC, Recipient shall inform DOC by letter addressed to Vickie L. Miller, Director, Department of Commerce – Division of Community Investment and Assistance, 4313 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4313. The Division of Community Investment and Assistance ["CI"] will endeavor to respond in writing to said letter within 30 days from receipt. Recipient shall not be entitled to a hearing under Chapter 150B for matters described in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B(c)(8), added by N.C. Senate Bill 960, including matters related to "contracts, disputes, protests, and/or claims arising out of or relating to the implementation of the [CDBG]." This includes actions arising out of or related to this Agreement or the Program.
28. Disputes or Complaints by Subrecipients or Other Entities. Recipient is responsible for developing, implementing and utilizing its own dispute resolution procedures with respect to disputes and/or complaints between and among Recipient, a Subrecipient, a contractor and/or any other person or entity (other than DOC). This includes (but is not limited to) procedures relating to procurement disputes or protests discussed in 24 C.F.R. 85.36. In the event of a dispute between and among Recipient, any Subrecipient, contractor and/or any other persons or entities (not including DOC), Recipient shall make every effort to resolve the dispute pursuant to its own dispute resolution procedures and shall issue a final decision on the matter as soon as is reasonably practicable. Recipient's dispute resolution procedure shall provide that, in the event that any party to such a dispute or complaint is dissatisfied with the

final decision or other resolution provided by Recipient, the dissatisfied party shall appeal to the North Carolina Superior Court in an appropriate County for a trial de novo, to the extent that jurisdiction is proper pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-240 and other applicable law.

29. Schedules

- (a) Schedule for Release of Conditions and Completion Activities. **The Recipient must satisfy all Funding Approval Conditions to release CDBG funds within 4 months from the date (October 22, 2012) the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval were signed by the CI Director.** The recipient must draw down all CDBG funds, expend all local non-CDBG funds and complete all project activities in conformance with the activities implementation schedule in the application as modified by the Performance Based Contract.
- (b) **The Recipient must obligate all funds within 27 months (September 22, 2014) from the date the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval are signed by CI Director.**
- (c) **All funds are to be expended within 30 months (December 22, 2014) from the date the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval are signed by CI Director. Any remaining funds will be de-obligated.**
- (d) **All closeout documents must be submitted to CI by (March 22, 2015) or within 3 months of all funds drawn down and expended, whichever comes first.**
- (e) Schedule for Submission of Compliance Documents. The Recipient must submit the following compliance documents within the specified number of months from the date the Grant Agreement and the Funding Approval were signed by the CI Director:
- **Environmental – 4 months (October 22, 2012)**
 - **Equal Employment and Procurement Plan – 4 months (October 22, 2012)**
 - **Fair Housing – 4 months (October 22, 2012)**
 - **Section 3 Plan – 4 months (October 22, 2012)**
 - **Analysis of Impediments- 4 months (October 22, 2012)**
 - **Request for Release of Funds – 5 months (November 22, 2012)**
- (f) Timely Draw down of Funds. Recipient is required to draw down activity funds monthly after they are given the authority to use funds. If this requirement is not met, the grantee will be subject to review and remedies as stated in 04 NCAC 19L.1104.

30. Quarterly Progress Report. Per Bulletin 11-7, Recipient shall ensure that a quarterly progress report that reflects approved CDBG program activity progress and CDBG financial status is presented to Recipient's elected board and a copy of that report, endorsed by the Chief Elected Official or the county/city/town manager will be provided to DOC not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the ending month of the reporting period.

31. Performance Measures

The CPD Performance Measurement System is HUD's response to the standards set by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. This act holds all Federal agencies accountable for establishing goals and objectives and measuring achievements.

- (a) The recipient must ensure that all activities in the funded project(s) meet the appropriate objectives, outcomes, and indicators established by HUD and selected by DOC. CDBG funds cannot be used to pay for any activity that does not meet the above requirement.
- (b) The recipient must also assist DOC, when requested, in collecting indicators and any other data necessary to fulfill the requirements of the CPD Performance Measures System, which includes data for the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

Upon execution of this agreement by DOC and the Recipient, the Recipient hereby accepts the assistance on the terms of this grant agreement effective on the date indicated below, and further certifies that the official signing this document has been duly authorized by the recipient's governing body to execute this Grant Agreement.

Secretary of the Department of Commerce

Date: 6/22/12

By:

Vickie L. Miller

Vickie L. Miller

Director

Community Investment and Assistance

Date: _____

Name of Recipient

By:

Signature of Authorized Official

(Title)