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Town of Newburgh

Section 32 Block 29 Lot(s) 64 & 65

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 3rd day of May, 2023 by and between the Town of Newburgh, having an address at 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York 12550 (“Municipality”) and 226 NY-17K LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, having an address at 701 Finger Lakes Drive, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (the “Facility Owner”).

Whereas, the Municipality and the Facility Owner want to enter into an agreement to provide for the long term maintenance and continuation of stormwater control measures approved by the Municipality for the below named project; and

Whereas, the Facility Owner is the owner of certain real property in the Town of Newburgh consisting of approximately +/- 5.94 acres more particularly described in Schedule “A” annexed hereto and made a part hereof (the “Property”); and

Whereas, the Municipality and the Facility Owner desire that the stormwater control measures be built in accordance with the approved project plans and thereafter be maintained, cleaned, repaired, replaced and continued in perpetuity in order to ensure optimum performance of the components.

Now, therefore, the Municipality and the Facility Owner agree as follows:

1. This agreement binds the Municipality and the Facility Owner, its successors and assigns to the maintenance provisions depicted in the approved project plans and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan which are on file with the Municipality’s Stormwater Management Officer.
2. The Facility Owner shall maintain, clean, repair, replace and continue the stormwater control measures depicted on the approved project plans for the Facility known as Sunbelt Rentals on and about the Property, as necessary to ensure optimum performance of the measures to design specifications. The stormwater control measures shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: drainage ditches, swales, dry wells, infiltrators, drop inlets, pipes, culverts, soil absorption devices and retention ponds and other stormwater practices identified in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) approved by the Municipality.

3. The Facility Owner shall be responsible for all expenses related to the maintenance of the stormwater control measures and shall establish a means for the collection and distribution of expenses among parties for any commonly owned facilities.
4. The Facility Owner shall provide for the periodic inspection of the stormwater control measures, not less than once a year, to determine the condition and integrity of the measures. Such inspection shall be performed by a Professional Engineer licensed by the State of New York. The inspecting engineer shall prepare and submit to the Municipality within 30 days of the inspection, a written report of the findings including recommendations for those actions necessary for the continuation of the stormwater control measures.
5. The Facility Owner shall not authorize, undertake or permit alteration, abandonment, modification or discontinuation of the stormwater control measures except in accordance with written approval of the Municipality. The obligations of the Facility Owner under paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this Agreement shall toll upon the completion of the establishment of a drainage district of the Municipality and the acceptance of the dedication of the stormwater control measures by the Municipality. The tolling period shall end upon the discontinuance or dissolution of the municipal drainage district.
6. The Facility Owner shall undertake necessary maintenance, repairs and replacement of the stormwater control measures at the direction of the Municipality or in accordance with the recommendations of the inspecting engineer.
7. The Facility Owner shall provide to the Municipality within 30 days of the date of this agreement, such security for the maintenance and continuation of the stormwater control measures as the Municipality may have required in its approval in the form acceptable to the Town Engineer and Town Attorney (a bond, letter of credit or escrow account).
8. This agreement shall be recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, County of Orange and shall be included in any offering plan and/or prospectus or lease. All rights, title and privileges herein granted, including all benefits and burdens, shall run with the land and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and legal representatives.
9. If ever the Municipality determines that the Facility Owner has failed to construct or maintain the stormwater control measures in accordance with the project plans or has failed to undertake corrective action specified by the Municipality or by the inspecting engineer, the

Municipality is authorized to undertake such steps as reasonably necessary for the preservation, continuation or maintenance of the stormwater control measures and to affix the expenses thereof as a lien against the property. The Facility Owner shall reimburse the Municipality for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in enforcing this Agreement and curing a violation.

10. This agreement is effective _____, 2023.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

226 NY-17K LLC

By: Moffat Properties, LLC, its Manager

By: _____
Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

BY: _____
Craig T. Moffat, Manager

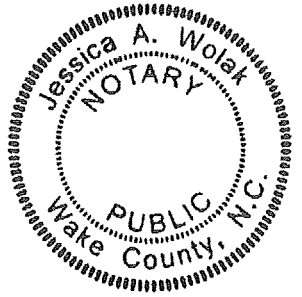
STATE OF NEW YORK:)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ORANGE:)

On the _____ day of _____, in the year 2023 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared GILBERT J. PIAQUADIO personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual (s) whose name (s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity (ies), and that by his/her/their signature (s) on the instrument, the individual (s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual (s) acted, executed the instrument.

STATE OF North Carolina _____
Notary Public
COUNTY OF Wake) SS.
COUNTY OF ORANGE:)

On the 4th day of May, in the year 2023 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared CRAIG T. MOFFAT personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual (s) whose name (s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity (ies), and that by his/her/their signature (s) on the instrument, the individual (s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual (s) acted, executed the instrument.

Jessica A. Wolak
Notary Public
My commission expires 12/10/23



SCHEDULE "A"

PARCEL I:

SBL: 89-1-64

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the northerly side of Cochection Turnpike. said point of beginning the most southerly corner of the 5.94 acre parcel referred to in a deed from Gerow Griffin and Helen V. Griffin to the Sellers herein dated July 11, 1941 and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office un Liber 865 of Deeds at page 103, and runs thence on a course of North 30 degrees West 178.44 feet along the northerly side of said Cochection Turnpike to a stake; thence North 58 degrees and 20 minutes East 181.70 feet to stake in the line of lands now or formerly owned by Michael A. Tighe and Jennie M. Tighe thence along said last mentioned lands South 14 degrees and 40 minutes West 258.35 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING and Reserving so much of the above described premises as have heretofore been conveyed to the State of New York for highway purposes.

PARCEL II:

SBL: 89-1-65

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the northerly side of Cochection Turnpike. at a point distant southeasterly 529 feet from the intersection of the northerly side of Cochection Turnpike with the westerly line of a street designated as Homewood Avenue. on a map of Franklin Park Addition, East Coldenham, N.Y.:

Thence running along the westerly bank of a stream known as the Orange Lake Overflow, the following courses and distances: North 8 degrees and 29 minutes East 97.6 feet to an iron pipe; North 16 degrees and 31 minutes East 370.4 feet to an iron pipe; North 34 degrees and 12 minutes East 225.9 feet to an iron pipe; North 18 degrees and 57 minutes East 253.7 feet to an elm tree:

Thence crossing the stream and running along other lands formerly of Tighe and Cutter, South 69 degrees and 49 minutes East 190.7 feet to a stake set in the line of a post and wire fence:

Thence running along the post and wire fence, and also along other lands formerly of Tighe and Cutter, the following courses and distances: South 10 degrees West 218.3 feet to a stake; South 15 degrees and 36 minutes West 89.2 feet to a stake; South 21 degrees and 45 minutes West 217.3 feet to a stake; South 19 degrees and 51 minutes West 363.7 feet to a stake; South 14 degrees and 40 minutes West 267.4 feet to a stake on the northerly side of the Cochection Turnpike;

Thence running along the northerly side of the turnpike, North 30 degrees West 338.8 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 5.94 acres of land.

EXCEPTING from the above described parcel a triangular piece of land bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the northerly side of the Cochection Turnpike, said point of beginning being the most southerly corner of the 5.94 acre parcel referred to above and runs thence on a course of North 30 degrees West 178.44 feet along the northerly side of said Cochection Turnpike to a stake; thence North 58 degrees and 20 minutes East 181.70 feet to a stake in the line of lands now or formerly owned by Michael A. Tighe and Jennie M. Tighe; thence along said last mentioned lands, South 14 degrees and 40 minutes West 258.35 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 0.372 acres of land. The bearings given in the above described parcel coincide with those given in the aforesaid 5.94 acre parcel.

SUBJECT to such rights as telephone and electric light companies have to maintain pole lines, and gas main in highway.

EXCEPTING herefrom and subject to takings and easements, by the State of New York for highway purposes.



Combined Real Estate Transfer Tax Return, Credit Line Mortgage Certificate, and Certification of Exemption from the Payment of Estimated Personal Income Tax

See Form TP-584-I, Instructions for Form TP-584, before completing this form. Print or type.

Schedule A - Information relating to conveyance

Form with fields for Grantor/Transferor and Grantee/Transferee, including Name, Mailing address, City, State, ZIP code, and Social Security number (SSN).

Location and description of property conveyed

Table with columns: Tax map designation - Section, block & lot (include dots and dashes), SWIS code (six digits), Street address, City, town, or village, County.

Type of property conveyed (mark an X in applicable box)

- 1 One- to three-family house, 2 Residential cooperative, 3 Residential condominium, 4 Vacant land, 5 Commercial/industrial, 6 Apartment building, 7 Office building, 8 Four-family dwelling, 9 Other stormwater maint. agr. Date of conveyance, Percentage of real property conveyed which is residential real property %

Condition of conveyance (mark an X in all that apply)

- a. Conveyance of fee interest, b. Acquisition of a controlling interest (state percentage acquired %), c. Transfer of a controlling interest (state percentage transferred %), d. Conveyance to cooperative housing corporation, e. Conveyance pursuant to or in lieu of foreclosure or enforcement of security interest (attach Form TP-584.1, Schedule E), f. Conveyance which consists of a mere change of identity or form of ownership or organization (attach Form TP-584.1, Schedule F), g. Conveyance for which credit for tax previously paid will be claimed (attach Form TP-584.1, Schedule G), h. Conveyance of cooperative apartment(s), i. Syndication, j. Conveyance of air rights or development rights, k. Contract assignment, l. Option assignment or surrender, m. Leasehold assignment or surrender, n. Leasehold grant, o. Conveyance of an easement, p. Conveyance for which exemption from transfer tax claimed (complete Schedule B, Part 3), q. Conveyance of property partly within and partly outside the state, r. Conveyance pursuant to divorce or separation, s. Other (describe) stormwater maint. agr.

Table for recording officer's use with columns: Amount received, Date received, Transaction number. Sub-rows for Schedule B, Part 1 and Part 2.

Schedule B – Real estate transfer tax return (Tax Law Article 31)

Part 1 – Computation of tax due

- 1 Enter amount of consideration for the conveyance (if you are claiming a total exemption from tax, mark an X in the Exemption claimed box, enter consideration and proceed to Part 3) **Exemption claimed**
- 2 Continuing lien deduction (see instructions if property is taken subject to mortgage or lien)
- 3 Taxable consideration (subtract line 2 from line 1)
- 4 Tax: \$2 for each \$500, or fractional part thereof, of consideration on line 3
- 5 Amount of credit claimed for tax previously paid (see instructions and attach Form TP-584.1, Schedule G)
- 6 Total tax due* (subtract line 5 from line 4)

1.	0	00
2.	0	00
3.	0	00
4.	0	00
5.	0	00
6.	0	00

Part 2 – Computation of additional tax due on the conveyance of residential real property for \$1 million or more

- 1 Enter amount of consideration for conveyance (from Part 1, line 1)
- 2 Taxable consideration (multiply line 1 by the percentage of the premises which is residential real property, as shown in Schedule A) ...
- 3 Total additional transfer tax due* (multiply line 2 by 1% (.01))

1.	0	00
2.	0	00
3.	0	00

Part 3 – Explanation of exemption claimed on Part 1, line 1 (mark an X in all boxes that apply)

The conveyance of real property is exempt from the real estate transfer tax for the following reason:

- a. Conveyance is to the United Nations, the United States of America, New York State, or any of their instrumentalities, agencies, or political subdivisions (or any public corporation, including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state or Canada) a
- b. Conveyance is to secure a debt or other obligation..... b
- c. Conveyance is without additional consideration to confirm, correct, modify, or supplement a prior conveyance..... c
- d. Conveyance of real property is without consideration and not in connection with a sale, including conveyances conveying realty as bona fide gifts..... d
- e. Conveyance is given in connection with a tax sale..... e
- f. Conveyance is a mere change of identity or form of ownership or organization where there is no change in beneficial ownership. (This exemption cannot be claimed for a conveyance to a cooperative housing corporation of real property comprising the cooperative dwelling or dwellings.) Attach Form TP-584.1, Schedule F f
- g. Conveyance consists of deed of partition..... g
- h. Conveyance is given pursuant to the federal Bankruptcy Act..... h
- i. Conveyance consists of the execution of a contract to sell real property, without the use or occupancy of such property, or the granting of an option to purchase real property, without the use or occupancy of such property..... i
- j. Conveyance of an option or contract to purchase real property with the use or occupancy of such property where the consideration is less than \$200,000 and such property was used solely by the grantor as the grantor's personal residence and consists of a one-, two-, or three-family house, an individual residential condominium unit, or the sale of stock in a cooperative housing corporation in connection with the grant or transfer of a proprietary leasehold covering an individual residential cooperative apartment..... j
- k. Conveyance is not a conveyance within the meaning of Tax Law, Article 31, § 1401(e) (attach documents supporting such claim) k

* The total tax (from Part 1, line 6 and Part 2, line 3 above) is due within 15 days from the date of conveyance. Make check(s) payable to the county clerk where the recording is to take place. For conveyances of real property within New York City, use Form TP-584-NYC. If a recording is not required, send this return and your check(s) made payable to the **NYS Department of Taxation and Finance**, directly to the NYS Tax Department, RETT Return Processing, PO Box 5045, Albany NY 12205-0045. If not using U.S. Mail, see Publication 55, *Designated Private Delivery Services*.

Schedule C -- Credit Line Mortgage Certificate (Tax Law Article 11)

Complete the following only if the interest being transferred is a fee simple interest.

This is to certify that: (mark an X in the appropriate box)

- 1. The real property being sold or transferred is not subject to an outstanding credit line mortgage.
- 2. The real property being sold or transferred is subject to an outstanding credit line mortgage. However, an exemption from the tax is claimed for the following reason:
 - a The transfer of real property is a transfer of a fee simple interest to a person or persons who held a fee simple interest in the real property (whether as a joint tenant, a tenant in common or otherwise) immediately before the transfer.
 - b The transfer of real property is (A) to a person or persons related by blood, marriage or adoption to the original obligor or to one or more of the original obligors or (B) to a person or entity where 50% or more of the beneficial interest in such real property after the transfer is held by the transferor or such related person or persons (as in the case of a transfer to a trustee for the benefit of a minor or the transfer to a trust for the benefit of the transferor).
 - c The transfer of real property is a transfer to a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver, assignee, or other officer of a court.
 - d The maximum principal amount secured by the credit line mortgage is \$3 million or more, and the real property being sold or transferred is **not** principally improved nor will it be improved by a one- to six-family owner-occupied residence or dwelling.

Note: for purposes of determining whether the maximum principal amount secured is \$3 million or more as described above, the amounts secured by two or more credit line mortgages may be aggregated under certain circumstances. See TSB-M-96(6)-R for more information regarding these aggregation requirements.

- e Other (attach detailed explanation).
- 3. The real property being transferred is presently subject to an outstanding credit line mortgage. However, no tax is due for the following reason:
 - a A certificate of discharge of the credit line mortgage is being offered at the time of recording the deed.
 - b A check has been drawn payable for transmission to the credit line mortgagee or mortgagee's agent for the balance due, and a satisfaction of such mortgage will be recorded as soon as it is available.
- 4. The real property being transferred is subject to an outstanding credit line mortgage recorded in _____ (insert liber and page or reel or other identification of the mortgage). The maximum principal amount of debt or obligation secured by the mortgage is _____. No exemption from tax is claimed and the tax of _____ is being paid herewith. (Make check payable to county clerk where deed will be recorded.)

Signature (both the grantors and grantees must sign)

The undersigned certify that the above information contained in Schedules A, B, and C, including any return, certification, schedule, or attachment, is to the best of their knowledge, true and complete, and authorize the person(s) submitting such form on their behalf to receive a copy for purposes of recording the deed or other instrument effecting the conveyance.

Spruce Creek LLC

Town of Newburgh

Grantor signature: [Signature]
 Name: Charles M. Piazzi
 Title: MANAGER

MANAGER
 Title

Grantee signature: _____ Title: _____
 Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Grantor signature

Title

Grantee signature

Title

Reminder: Did you complete all of the required information in Schedules A, B, and C? Are you required to complete Schedule D? If you marked e, f, or g in Schedule A, did you complete Form TP-584.1? Have you attached your check(s) made payable to the county clerk where recording will take place? If no recording is required, send this return and your check(s), made payable to the **NYS Department of Taxation and Finance**, directly to the NYS Tax Department, RETT Return Processing, PO Box 5045, Albany NY 12205-0045. If not using U.S. Mail, see Publication 55, *Designated Private Delivery Services*.

Schedule D – Certification of exemption from the payment of estimated personal income tax (Tax Law, Article 22, § 663)

Complete the following only if a fee simple interest or a cooperative unit is being transferred by an individual or estate or trust.

If the property is being conveyed by a referee pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding, proceed to Part 2, mark an X in the second box under *Exemption for nonresident transferors/sellers*, and sign at bottom.

Part 1 – New York State residents

If you are a New York State resident transferor/seller listed in Form TP-584, Schedule A (or an attachment to Form TP-584), you must sign the certification below. If one or more transferor/seller of the real property or cooperative unit is a resident of New York State, each resident transferor/seller must sign in the space provided. If more space is needed, photocopy this Schedule D and submit as many schedules as necessary to accommodate all resident transferors/sellers.

Certification of resident transferors/sellers

This is to certify that at the time of the sale or transfer of the real property or cooperative unit, the transferor/seller as signed below was a resident of New York State, and therefore is not required to pay estimated personal income tax under Tax Law § 663(a) upon the sale or transfer of this real property or cooperative unit.

Signature	Print full name	Date
Signature	Print full name	Date
Signature	Print full name	Date
Signature	Print full name	Date

Note: A resident of New York State may still be required to pay estimated tax under Tax Law § 685(c), but not as a condition of recording a deed.

Part 2 – Nonresidents of New York State

If you are a nonresident of New York State listed as a transferor/seller in Form TP-584, Schedule A (or an attachment to Form TP-584) but are not required to pay estimated personal income tax because one of the exemptions below applies under Tax Law § 663(c), mark an X in the box of the appropriate exemption below. If any one of the exemptions below applies to the transferor/seller, that transferor/seller is not required to pay estimated personal income tax to New York State under Tax Law § 663. Each nonresident transferor/seller who qualifies under one of the exemptions below must sign in the space provided. If more space is needed, photocopy this Schedule D and submit as many schedules as necessary to accommodate all nonresident transferors/sellers.

If none of these exemption statements apply, you must complete Form IT-2663, *Nonresident Real Property Estimated Income Tax Payment Form*, or Form IT-2664, *Nonresident Cooperative Unit Estimated Income Tax Payment Form*. For more information, see *Payment of estimated personal income tax*, on Form TP-584-I, page 1.

Exemption for nonresident transferors/sellers

This is to certify that at the time of the sale or transfer of the real property or cooperative unit, the transferor/seller (grantor) of this real property or cooperative unit was a nonresident of New York State, but is not required to pay estimated personal income tax under Tax Law § 663 due to one of the following exemptions:

- The real property or cooperative unit being sold or transferred qualifies in total as the transferor's/seller's principal residence (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code, section 121) from _____ to _____ (see instructions).
Date Date
- The transferor/seller is a mortgagor conveying the mortgaged property to a mortgagee in foreclosure, or in lieu of foreclosure with no additional consideration.
- The transferor or transferee is an agency or authority of the United States of America, an agency or authority of New York State, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Government National Mortgage Association, or a private mortgage insurance company.

Signature	Print full name	Date
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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive

May 17, 2023

Supervisor Gilbert J. Piaquadio
Town of Newburgh
1496 Route 300
Newburgh, NY 12550

Re: Orange County CDBG, HOME and ESG program for federal fiscal years 2024, 2025, 2026.

Dear Supervisor Piaquadio:

In 1982, Orange County municipalities joined together to form the Urban County Consortium which is the mechanism by which participating municipalities receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement funds each year. Every three years, the consortium must be recertified in order to continue to receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG entitlement funds. By continuing to participate in the consortium, your community will continue to be eligible to receive funds under these programs in FY-2024, 2025, and 2026.

Orange County is seeking to renew its Urban County status under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs (as applicable) for the Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Pursuant to the HUD Notice CPD-23-02 issued on April 10, 2023 ("Notice"), the existing automatically renewing cooperation agreements require further amendment to recertify for the upcoming urban county qualification period. In lieu of adding new requirements implemented by statute to the existing agreements by amendment, the County has opted to execute new Cooperation Agreements with all participating municipalities incorporating all HUD-required revisions and amendments. A draft Cooperation Agreement is enclosed for your review. In compliance with the regulations promulgated by HUD and the Notice, we are officially notifying you of your options regarding your municipality's participation in the Orange County Community Development Programs referenced above and your membership in the Urban County Consortium.

Towns and Villages included in the Urban County Consortium will continue to be eligible to participate in the County's CDBG Program and will automatically participate in the HOME and ESG programs, if the Urban County receives HOME and ESG funding, respectively. While units of local government may only receive a formula allocation under the HOME and ESG Programs as part of the Urban County, this does not preclude the Urban County or a unit of government participating with the Urban County from applying for HOME or ESG funds from the State if the State allows. Units of local government are not eligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while they are part of the Urban County.

If you participate in the Orange County program, you will be eligible to apply to Community Development for water, sewer, street, sidewalk, recreation, public service, ADA, and other projects which benefit low- and moderate-income people, eliminate blighted conditions within the community and/or meet an urgent community development need as defined by HUD. Participating in the Urban County also means that you will be participating in the HOME Program which you can only participate in as part of the Urban County.

Your municipality's decision to continue to participate, or elect exclusion, from the program will be effective for three years covering the Federal **Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026**. Regulations require that a community participate in the County program for the entire three-year period. If you elect to participate in the program, you will be unable to drop out until **2026**. The amount of CDBG and HOME funds awarded to Orange County is based upon the population within the municipalities participating in the CDBG and HOME programs; exclusion by a municipality will effectively reduce available funds to all of Orange County. In order to calculate Orange County's entitlement grants for 2024, HUD needs to know which municipalities will be participating in our Urban County. **If you elect to participate in the Orange County Program, please adopt the enclosed resolution, execute the enclosed Cooperation Agreement, and return both to our office by July 7, 2023.**

In accordance with Federal regulations, Orange County is notifying your municipality that it has the option to elect to be excluded from the County's CDBG and HOME entitlement programs. Such election to be excluded will be effective for the entire three-year period for which the Urban County qualifies (Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026), unless your municipality specifically elects to be included in a subsequent year for the remainder of Orange County's three-year qualification period. **Failure to respond means your municipality will be included in the Urban County for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 and will be passing the enclosed resolution and executing the enclosed agreement. If your municipality elects to be excluded from and does not wish to participate in the County's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs you must advise both the Office of Community Development AND the U.S. Department of Housing and Development in writing no later than July 7, 2023.**

HUD's address is:

Abigail Ford, Director, Community Planning and Development Division
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, New York Field Office-Region II
Jacob J. Javits Federal Building
26 Federal Plaza, Rm 3513
New York, NY 10278

Office of Community Development address is:

Nicole Andersen, Director
Orange County Office of Community Development
40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A
Goshen, NY 10940

Please review this notification and enclosures in detail. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (845) 615-3819 or via email at nandersen@orangecountygov.com. The County of Orange and the Office of Community Development look forward to your continued participation in the County program.

Sincerely,

Nicole Andersen

Nicole Andersen
Director of Community Development

**URBAN COUNTY QUALIFICATION
COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

THIS URBAN COUNTY QUALIFICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT made as of this _____ day of _____, 2023 ("Agreement"), by and between the County of Orange, a municipal corporation and one of the counties of the State of New York, having its principal office at 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, New York 10924 ("County") and the Town/Village/City of _____, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having its principal office at _____, New York ("Municipality"). County and Municipality are referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG Program"), provides federal funds to certain urban counties for eligible housing and community development activities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, provides federal funds to certain urban counties through its Home Investment Partnership Program ("HOME Program") for eligible housing activities; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009, provides federal funds to certain urban counties through its Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG Program") for eligible uses related to emergency shelters for the homeless, and for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, participation by the County under the "urban county" designation in the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs requires that the Municipality and the County enter into a cooperation agreement in order to be included in the CDBG Urban County and HOME consortia; and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York grants to any municipal corporation the power either individually or jointly with one or more other municipal corporations, to apply for, accept and expend funds made available by the federal government either directly or through the State, in order to administer, conduct or participate with the federal government in programs relating to the general welfare of the inhabitants of such municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, applications for grants to finance community development and affordable housing programs under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended (collectively, the "Acts"), and any "eligible activities" thereunder are not inconsistent with the statutes of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the County previously entered into a cooperation agreement covering the same subject matter which has been subsequently amended and automatically

renewed by resolution and remained in full force and effect for all consecutive three-year urban county qualification periods including FYs 2021, 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined that it is desirable and is in the public interest for the Municipality to be included in the urban county for the three-year qualification cycle of FYs 2024, 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality acknowledges the County's authority to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community development and housing assistance activities; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has designated the Orange County Office of Community Development as the administrative agency for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor/Supervisor/Village Manager of the Municipality is authorized to execute this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, or his/her designee, is authorized to execute this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation between the County and the Municipality is essential for the successful planning of the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs under an urban county designation by HUD.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by the County and the participating Municipality as follows:

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a legal mechanism through which the County may apply for, receive, and disburse federal funds available to eligible counties under the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs, and to take such actions in the benefits of these programs. Federal funds received by the County shall be for such functions as urban renewal, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood facilities, public facilities, open space, housing activities, prevention of homelessness, and such other purposes as are authorized by the Acts.
2. In addition to such assurances and agreements as may have been made by previously executed cooperation agreements, the County and the Municipality agree to cooperate to undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities, specific urban renewal, and publicly assisted housing.
3. This Agreement shall supplement any previous cooperation agreements entered between the Parties for purposes of CDBG Urban County Qualification and shall replace and supersede any previously agreed upon provision should such a provision conflict or be inconsistent with this Agreement.
4. This Agreement shall be in effect for the three-year program period of Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026, and until the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds and program income received (with respect to activities carried out during the three-year urban county qualification period) are expended and the funded activities completed.

5. The Parties understand and agree that neither the County nor the Municipality can terminate or withdraw from this Agreement while it remains in effect, except as allowed in legislation enacted by the US Congress for termination or withdrawal from the Urban County Program and as permitted by HUD. The Agreement shall remain in effect until expressly terminated by one of the Parties hereto but said termination may only occur at the end of each three-year urban county requalification period.

6. The County shall, by the date specified in HUD's urban county qualification notice for the next qualifying period, notify the Municipality by letter of its right not to participate. This Agreement will be renewed automatically for participation in successive three-year urban county qualification periods unless the County or the Municipality elect not to participate in a new qualification period in three-year intervals, provided written notices are given in conformity with HUD requirements as set forth herein.

7. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall deprive the Municipality of any powers of zoning, development control, or other lawful authority which it presently possesses, nor shall any participant be deprived of any State or Federal aid to which it might be entitled in its own right, except as herein provided.

8. The participating Municipality agrees not to apply for grants under the State CDBG Programs for the fiscal years during the period in which the Municipality participates in the urban county's CDBG Program. Nonetheless, while the Municipality may only receive a formula allocation under the HOME and ESG Programs as part of the urban county, it is not precluded by this Agreement from applying for HOME or ESG funds from the State of New York, provided the State allows it.

9. The County shall have the authority to carry out activities, which will be funded with annual CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs funds appropriated for FYs 2024-2026 and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.

10. The eligible activities to be undertaken during the term of this Agreement will be chosen by the Municipality from those authorized by HUD Rules and Regulations governing the CDBG HOME and ESG Programs, and any regulations which may be applicable to future supplemental Federal Programs. The County shall have the final responsibility for selecting CDBG, HOME and ESG activities and annually filing grant application with HUD. In preparing such a grant application, the County shall give due consideration to the Municipality's analysis of community development needs and proposed activities.

11. The County will take full responsibility for and assume all obligations required of an applicant, including the analysis of needs, setting of objectives, development of community development and comprehensive housing affordability strategy plans, one-year community development program, assurances, and certifications, including HUD 424-B.

12. The County certifies that it is following an adopted Consolidation Plan as required by 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR Part 570.306. The Parties agree to cooperate to fulfill housing goals established by the HUD approved Consolidated Plan for the period of this Agreement.

13. The County understands and agrees that it may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of CDBG funds to a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local

government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

14. The County and the Municipality shall take all actions necessary to assure compliance with the County's certification under Section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 1, and the Fair Housing Act, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 100, and will affirmatively further fair housing as required under 24 CFR 91.225(a) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications (86 FR 30779) codified or to be codified at 24 CFR 5.105(a) and 5.152. The Parties shall comply with Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 6, which incorporates Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1974, and the implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 35, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 146, and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and all other applicable laws and regulations. The Parties agree that urban county funding in no event will be used for activities in, or in support of, any cooperating unit of general local government that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes the County's actions to comply with the County's fair housing certification. Noncompliance with this provision is cause for sanctions and other remedial actions by HUD.

15. The Parties agree to adopt amendment(s) to this Agreement as may be required by HUD to meet any new Urban County Qualification requirement(s) for subsequent qualification cycles, when applicable. The County will notify the Municipality of its right to terminate its participation in the program based on the adoption of any such amendment. Failure by either Party to adopt any such amendment to the Agreement incorporating changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperation agreements set forth in the HUD issued Urban County Qualification Notice applicable for subsequent three-year urban county qualification period, and to submit such amendment to HUD will void the automatic renewal of such qualification period.

16. The County and the Municipality each have adopted and are enforcing:

- a. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.
- b. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to, or exit from, a facility or location that is the subject of nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

17. By executing this Cooperation Agreement, the Municipality understands, agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. The Municipality may not apply for grants from appropriations under the State CDBG Programs for fiscal years during the period in which it participates in the urban county's CDBG program.
- b. The Municipality may receive a formula allocation under the HOME Program and ESG Program only through the urban county. Thus, even if the urban county does not

receive a HOME formula allocation, the participating unit of local government cannot form a HOME consortium with other local governments. This, nonetheless, does not preclude the Municipality participating with the urban county from applying to the State for HOME and ESG funds if the State allows.

- c. The Municipality may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of CDBG funds to a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- d. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501(b), the Municipality is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirement of a written agreement as described in 24 CFR 570.503.
- e. The Municipality must inform the County, through periodic reports requested by the County, of any income generated by the expenditure of CDBG and HOME funds received. All program income, including income received subsequent to project close-out or change in status of the Municipality must be paid to the County within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the term of this Agreement unless it is agreed by the Parties in writing that the Municipality may retain the income. All program income must be used exclusively for eligible activities as determined by the County and in accordance with CDBG and/or HOME Program requirements, as applicable.
- f. The Municipality shall keep and maintain appropriate records on the use of program income as required by the County as the county has the responsibility of monitoring and reporting income to HUD.
- g. The Municipality agrees that real property acquired or improved in whole or in part, using CDBG funds, will be used in accordance with the standards set forth in 24 CFR 570.505. The Municipality shall reimburse the County an amount equal to the current fair market value (less any portion thereof attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG funds) of property acquired or improved with CDBG funds that is sold or transferred for a use which does not qualify under CDBG regulations. Program income generated from disposition or transfer of property prior to or subsequent to close-out or a change in status of the Municipality, or termination of this Agreement must be paid to the County unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
- h. Any proposed modification or change of use of any real property acquired or improved in whole or in part by the Municipality using CDBG funds (from the use planned at the time of the acquisition or improvement), including disposition, must be reported to the County. The County may approve the proposed modification or change of use. The Municipality shall not implement the modification or change in use without the County's approval.
- i. The Municipality may not terminate or withdraw from this Agreement, except if the County fails to requalify as an urban county, while it remains in effect until the CDBG, HOME, and where applicable ESG funds and income received with respect to the three-year qualification period are expended and the funded activities completed.
- j. The Municipality may not receive urban county funding for activities in, or in support of, any cooperating unit of general local government that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes the County's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
- k. The Municipality shall comply with the requirements, laws and policies of the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs, and all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State

and local governments, and shall commit no trespass on any private property in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.

18. The Municipality shall not discriminate against any of its employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, disability or familial status. The Municipality shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff/termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Municipality shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Municipality setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. The Municipality shall incorporate the foregoing requirements of this Section 18 in all its contracts and subcontracts for CDBG, HOME and ESG funded work.

19. The Municipality is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. (P.L. 88-352) and HUD regulations with respect thereto including the regulations under 24 CFR Part I. In the sale, or lease, or other transfer of land acquired, cleared, or improved with the assistance provided under this Agreement, the Municipality shall cause or require a covenant running with the land to be inserted in the deed or lease for such transfer, prohibiting discrimination upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin in the sale, lease or rental, or in the use or occupancy of such land or any improvements erected thereon, and providing that the Municipality and the United States are beneficiaries of and entitled to enforce such covenant. The Municipality in undertaking its obligation in carrying out the programs assisted hereunder agrees to take such measures as are necessary to enforce such covenant and shall not itself so discriminate.

20. Pursuant to the New York State Finance Law §139-1, by execution of this Agreement, the Municipality and the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Municipality certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the Municipality has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Section 201-g of the New York State Labor Law. A model policy and training has been created by the New York State Department of Labor and can be found on its website at:

<https://www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace>.

The County's policy against sexual harassment and other unlawful discrimination and harassment in the workplace can be found on the County's website at:

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1137/Human-Resources>.

21. The Municipality shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, including its officials, agents and employees against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation and/or settlement) arising out of, incidental to or in any way connected with work done under this Agreement, and in any way resulting from or related to this Agreement which the County, or its officials, employees, or agents, may suffer by reason of any negligence, fault, act, or omission of the Municipality, its employees, representatives, subcontractors, assignees, agents, vendors, or invitees. The rights and remedies of the County provided for in this Section 21 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

22. The Municipality shall further indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, including its officials, agents and employees against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation and/or settlement) incurred by the County as a result of a determination by HUD that activities undertaken by the Municipality under the Municipality's application failed to comply with any laws, regulations, or policies applicable thereto, or that any funds forwarded to the Municipality under this Agreement were improperly expended.

23. This Agreement shall apply to any supplemental program which HUD makes available through the CDBG, HOME or ESG Programs.

24. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended.

25. The governing body of the County and the governing body of the Municipality authorize this Agreement.

26. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and all such counterparts shall be deemed to constitute but one and the same agreement as if all signatures were set forth on the same agreement. A manually signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission will be deemed to have the same legal force and effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto, pursuant to authorization from properly adopted resolution, executed this agreement on this ____ day of _____, 2023.

COUNTY OF ORANGE

MUNICIPALITY

By: _____
Stefan ("Steven") M. Neuhaus
County Executive

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Approved as to Form and Required County Attorney's Statement:

"The terms and provisions of the Agreement are fully authorized under the State and local law and the Agreement provides full legal authority for the County to undertake, or assist in undertaking, essential community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities."

Date: _____

By: _____
Richard B. Golden
County Attorney



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Planning and Development

Special Attention of:
All Regional Administrators
All CPD Division Directors
All CDBG Grantees

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SUBJECT: Instructions for Urban County Qualification for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2026

INTRODUCTION

This Notice establishes requirements, procedures, and deadlines to be followed in the urban county qualification process for FYs 2024-2026. Information concerning specific considerations and responsibilities for urban counties is also provided. HUD Field Offices and urban counties are expected to adhere to the deadlines in this Notice.

This Notice provides guidance for counties wishing to qualify or requalify for entitlement status as urban counties, as well as for existing urban counties that wish to include previously nonparticipating communities. **Please send copies of this Notice to all presently qualified urban counties, to each county that can qualify for the first time or requalify for FYs 2024-2026, and to each state administering the State CDBG program which includes a potentially eligible urban county. If HUD Field Offices are notified later than the date of this Notice of one or more new potential urban counties, each should be provided a copy of this Notice.** This Notice includes the following seven attachments, lettered A-G, that contain listings of:

- Attachment A, all currently qualified urban counties;
- Attachment B, counties that requalify this qualification period (2024-2026);
- Attachment C, counties scheduled to qualify or requalify in FY 2024 for FY 2025-2027;
- Attachment D, counties scheduled to qualify or requalify in FY 2025 for FY 2026-2028;
- Attachment E, currently qualified urban counties that can add nonparticipating units of government for the remaining one or two years of their qualification period;
- Attachment F, counties that may qualify as urban counties if metropolitan cities relinquish their status; and
- Attachment G, counties previously identified as eligible but that have not accepted urban county status.

Additions to Attachment B may be provided separately, should any counties be identified as potentially eligible for the first time in July 2023.

The schedule for qualifying urban counties is coordinated with qualifying HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) consortia to be able to operate both the CDBG and HOME programs using the same urban county configurations. The CDBG urban county qualification process for the FY 2024-2026 qualification period will start in March 2023 and run through September 15, 2023. This will provide HUD sufficient time before the September 30th deadline for FY 2024 funding under the HOME Program to notify counties that they qualify as urban counties under the CDBG Program. This Notice emphasizes the importance of completing all the steps of the urban county qualification/ requalification process by mid-September to ensure that there is no detrimental effect on the HOME consortia qualification/requalification process. Urban county worksheets will be accessible via Community Planning and Development's (CPD) Grants Management Process (GMP) system. The CPD Systems Development and Evaluation Division will provide GMP system guidance for submitting urban county qualification data.

Section V.H., second paragraph, regarding Cooperation Agreements clearly delineates the fair housing and civil rights obligations to which urban counties and participating jurisdictions are subject. By this time, all existing urban counties should have incorporated the required language in their cooperation agreements regarding fair housing and civil rights obligations. Urban counties should review the language in their existing cooperation agreements regarding fair housing and civil rights obligations to determine whether they still need to revise their existing agreements. The use of automatically renewing cooperation agreements does not exempt existing urban counties from incorporating the required language in Section V.H. HUD will not accept any cooperation agreements or approve any urban county's qualification/requalification that does not incorporate this language.

Urban counties have the option of drafting a separate amendment to their existing agreements that includes these provisions rather than drafting a new cooperation agreement that contains the provisions. However, the separate amendment must still be executed by an official representative of each of the participating units of general local government and the urban county.

Jurisdictions that are qualifying as an urban county for the first time must submit all required documents outlined in Section IV. to the Entitlement Communities Division in HUD Headquarters in addition to their local HUD offices (see Section IV. for details). In addition, if new jurisdictions are seeking to qualify as urban counties because they contain metropolitan cities willing to relinquish their entitlement status, the Entitlement Communities Division in HUD Headquarters should be notified as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after the jurisdictions notify the Field Office of their intent to qualify as an urban county (see Section VIII. for details).

A unit of general local government may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. This

requirement first arose as a result of discovering that units of general local government located within an urban county were trading CDBG funds for unrestricted local funds. Congress has prohibited this practice. Urban counties qualifying in 2023 for FYs 2024-2026 must incorporate this provision into cooperation agreements by revision or amendment. HUD will not accept any cooperation agreements or approve any urban county's qualification/requalification that does not incorporate this language.

Section F., Section VIII., Special Considerations addresses the implications of an incorporated unit of general local government dissolving and the effect it will have on the urban county qualification/requalification process.

Section G., Section VIII., Special Considerations addresses factors that arose during the 2017 qualification/requalification period regarding qualification of New York Towns as metropolitan cities.

The coronavirus pandemic has affected the urban county qualification and requalification processes, in that all required correspondence and documents must be transmitted electronically. To avoid delays, HUD encourages urban counties to begin the qualification and requalification processes upon release of this Notice to meet the deadlines in Section II., Qualification Schedule. Section II identifies correspondence that must be submitted in letter format on the appropriate letterhead rather than by email. Any properly executed letter (i.e., in letter format on the appropriate letterhead) may be transmitted as an attachment via email. If a properly executed letter is required, the Notice shall denote such requirement by indicating that the correspondence or notification must be "by letter." If not required, the Notice shall indicate that the correspondence or notification may be made "by letter or email."

Policy questions from Field Offices related to this Notice should be directed to Gloria Coates in the Entitlement Communities Division at (202) 402-2184 or gloria.l.coates@hud.gov. Data questions should be directed to Abubakari Zuberi in the Systems Development and Evaluation Division at (202) 708-0790 or abubakari.d.zuberi@hud.gov. Requests for deadline extensions should be directed to Gloria Coates. These are not toll-free numbers. The TTY number for both divisions is (202) 708-2565.

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and assigned OMB control number 2506-0170, which expires January 31, 2025. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
URBAN COUNTY QUALIFICATION
Fiscal Years 2024-2026

In accordance with 24 CFR § 570.307(a) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations, the information below explains the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) process for qualifying and requalifying urban counties for purposes of the CDBG program.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Threshold

To be entitled to receive CDBG funds as an urban county, a county must qualify as an urban county under one of the following thresholds:

1. Have a total combined population of 200,000 or more (excluding metropolitan cities) from the unincorporated areas and participating incorporated areas;
2. Have a total combined population of at least 100,000 but fewer than 200,000 from the unincorporated areas and participating incorporated areas, provided that, in the aggregate, those areas include the majority of persons of low and moderate income that reside in the county (outside of any metropolitan cities). Under this provision, the county itself is still required to have a minimum population of 200,000 (excluding metropolitan cities) to be potentially eligible. However, the urban county does not have to include each unit of general local government located therein, provided that the number of persons in the areas where the county has essential powers and in units of general local government where it has signed cooperation agreements equals at least 100,000. In addition, those included areas must in the aggregate contain the preponderance of low- and moderate-income persons residing in the urban county (calculated by dividing the number of low- and moderate-income persons residing in the county by two and adding one). Metropolitan cities are not included in these calculations; or
3. Meet specific requirements of Sec. 102(a)(6)(C) or (D) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the Act).

HUD must conduct a review to determine that a prospective urban county possesses essential community development and housing assistance powers in any unincorporated areas that are not units of general local government (UGLGs). HUD must also review all the UGLGs within the county to determine those, if any, in which the county lacks such powers. The county must enter into cooperation agreements with any such units of local government that are to become part of the urban county. Such agreements would bind an UGLG to cooperate in the use of its powers in carrying out essential activities in accordance with the urban county's program. See Section IX. for additional information on Determinations of Essential Powers.

B. Consolidated Plan Requirements

To receive an Entitlement Grant in FY 2024, an urban county must have an approved Consolidated Plan (pursuant to 24 CFR § 570.302 and Part 91). This includes urban counties newly qualifying during this qualification period; urban counties that continue to include the same communities previously included in the urban county; and those urban counties that are amending their urban county configurations to add communities that chose not to participate previously. Where an urban county enters into a joint agreement with a metropolitan city for CDBG purposes, a Consolidated Plan is submitted by the urban county to cover both governmental entities for the CDBG program.

Pursuant to 24 CFR part 91, submission of a jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan may occur no earlier than November 15, and no later than August 16, of the Program Year for which CDBG, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) funds are appropriated to cover the Federal fiscal period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. **An urban county's failure to submit its Consolidated Plan by August 16, 2024, will automatically result in a loss of CDBG funds for the 2024 program year (24 CFR § 570.304(c)(1)) and termination of its qualification as an urban county (24 CFR § 570.307(f)) unless Congress extends this deadline via statute.** The Consolidated Plan must meet all requirements of 24 CFR part 91, including all required certifications.

C. Consolidated Plan Requirements Where the Urban County Is in a HOME Consortium

Where UGLGs form a consortium to receive HOME funding, the consortium's lead entity submits the Consolidated Plan for the entire geographic area encompassed by the consortium (24 CFR § 91.400). Therefore, if an urban county is a member of a HOME consortium, the consortium submits the Consolidated Plan, and the urban county, like all other CDBG entitlement grantees in the consortium, is only required to submit its own non-housing Community Development Plan (24 CFR § 91.215(f)), an Action Plan (24 CFR § 91.220) and the required Certifications (24 CFR § 91.225(a) and (b) as part of the consortium's Consolidated Plan. If an urban county has a CDBG joint agreement with a metropolitan city and both jurisdictions wish to receive HOME funds, they must form a HOME consortium to become one entity for HOME purposes. [For additional information on the requirements for consortia agreements, see 24 CFR § 92.101 and the Notice of Procedures for Designation of Consortia as a Participating Jurisdiction for the HOME Program (CPD-13-002).] Although an urban county as a member of a HOME consortium is only required to submit its own non-housing Community Development Plan, Action Plan and required certifications, the program responsibilities as stated in Section VII. of this Notice are important regardless of whether the urban county is a member of a consortium. In this regard and considering the requirement to submit its own affirmatively furthering fair housing certification per 24 CFR 91.225, an urban county is encouraged to work with the lead entity for the consortium in developing and seeing to the submission of a Consolidated Plan that reflects fair housing strategies and actions.

However, if the urban county is the lead entity rather than simply a participant in the HOME consortium, the urban county must submit the housing and homeless needs assessment, market analysis, strategic plan, and Action Plan on behalf of the consortium. The urban county and other entitlement communities that are members of the consortium must separately submit the certifications required at 24 CFR 91.225(a) & (b).

D. Synchronization of Urban County and HOME Qualification Periods

CDBG urban counties and HOME consortia qualification periods are for three successive years. If a member urban county's CDBG three-year cycle is not the same as the HOME consortium's, the HOME consortium may elect a qualification period shorter than three years to get in sync with the urban county's CDBG three-year qualification cycle, as permitted in 24 CFR § 92.101(e). All consortium members must also have the same program year start date.

Urban counties have requested extensions until the middle to end of September to submit all required documents to the HUD Field Office because some of the governing bodies of units of government in urban counties do not meet during the summer months. When there are automatically renewing cooperation agreements, the urban county must submit a legal opinion from the county's counsel that the terms and provisions continue to be authorized under state and local law and that the agreement continues to provide full legal authority for the county. Copies of any executed amendments to automatically renewed cooperation agreements (if any) and, if locally required, governing body authorizations must also be submitted.

Although flexibility exists to permit extensions in unusual situations, Headquarters will not grant any extensions past mid-September. Urban counties must factor in instances such as the meeting schedules of elected bodies of units of general local government while completing the requalification process, perhaps by submitting the cooperation agreement for execution before the summer recess begins. There are urban counties that are also completing the qualification/requalification process for HOME consortia at the same time they are completing the urban county qualification/requalification process. The qualification/requalification process for HOME consortia must be completed by the statutory deadline of September 30 for a HOME consortium to receive a formula allocation under HOME. If the urban county qualification/requalification process has not been completed by September 30, the consortium will not receive a HOME grant. To prevent this, all required documents must be received by HUD Field Offices by mid-September. This will allow Field Counsel time to review the cooperation agreements or amendments for legal sufficiency.

II. QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

The following schedule will govern the procedures for urban county qualification for the three-year qualification cycle of FYs 2024-2026. Unless noted otherwise, deadlines may only be

extended by prior written authorization from Headquarters. Deadlines in paragraphs D., E., G., and I. may be extended by the Field Office as specified below. However, no extension may be granted by the Field Office if it would have the effect of extending a subsequent deadline that the Field Office is not authorized to extend.

- A. By May 5, 2023, the HUD Field Office shall notify counties that may seek to qualify or requalify as an urban county of HUD's Determination of Essential Powers (see Section IX) as certified by the Field Office Counsel (see Attachment B, Counties Scheduled to Qualify or Requalify in 2023 for the 2024-2026 Qualification Period).
- B. By May 5, 2023, counties must notify, by letter, split places of their options for exclusion from, or participation in, the urban county (see Attachment B and Section III., paragraph D, for an explanation of split places).
- C. By May 5, 2023, counties must notify, by letter, each included unit of general local government, where the county is authorized to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities without the consent of the governing body of the locality, of its right to elect to be excluded from the urban county, and the date by which it must make such election by letter (see paragraph E., below). HUD recommends that included units of government be advised that failure to respond means that they will be considered part of the urban county for FYs 2024-2026. Included units of government must also be notified that they are not eligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while they are part of the urban county. Additionally, that, in becoming a part of the urban county, they automatically participate in the HOME and ESG programs if the urban county receives HOME and ESG funding, respectively. Moreover, while units of general local government may only receive a formula allocation under the HOME and ESG programs as part of the urban county, this does not preclude the urban county, or a unit of government participating with the urban county, from applying for HOME or ESG funds from the State, if the State allows.
- D. Section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act was amended by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) to preserve the continued eligibility of FY 2016 HOPWA formula grantees, including Wake County, North Carolina, which is the HOPWA grantee for the Raleigh, NC, Metropolitan Statistical Area. Wake County is the only urban county that receives a HOPWA formula award from HUD under this arrangement. HOTMA also amended section 854(c) to allow a HOPWA formula grantee to enter into an agreement with an eligible alternative grantee, including a unit of general local government (which includes a county), to receive and administer the HOPWA formula allocation in its place. More information is available in Notice CPD-17-12, available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Notice-CPD-17-12-Implementation-of-HOTMA-Changes-to-the-HOPWA-Program.pdf>

A county that is already qualified as an urban county for FY 2024 (see Attachment E, Counties Qualified through 2024 or 2025 that Contain Nonparticipating Communities) may

elect to notify, by letter, nonparticipating units of government that they now have an opportunity to join the urban county for the remainder of the urban county's qualification period (see paragraph H., below).

- E. By June 12, 2023, any county which has executed cooperation agreements with no specified end date is required to notify, by letter, affected participating units of government that the agreement will automatically be renewed unless the unit of government notifies the county by letter by July 7, 2023, (see paragraph F., below) of its intent to terminate the agreement at the end of the current qualification period (see Attachment B). A failure by a unit of government to respond by the July 7, 2023, deadline means that the unit of government is required to remain with the urban county for FYs 2024-2026. Any extension of this deadline must be authorized by letter or email by the Field Office. An extension of more than seven days requires the Field Office to notify the Entitlement Communities Division by email or telephone.
- F. By June 12, 2023, any included unit of general local government, where the county does not need the consent of its governing body to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities, that elects to be excluded from an urban county must notify the county and its HUD Field Office, by letter, that it elects to be excluded. Potential new entitlement cities are identified by the Census Bureau on or around July 1. Any unit of general local government that met metropolitan city status for the first time in a requalifying urban county will be given additional time to decide whether it wants to be included or excluded since it will be notified of its status after the July 21 deadline (see Section VIII.E.). Any extension of this deadline must be authorized by letter or email by the Field Office. An extension of more than seven days requires the Field Office to notify the Entitlement Communities Division by email or telephone.
- G. By July 7, 2023, any unit of government that has entered into a cooperation agreement with no specified end date with the county and elects not to continue participating with the county during the FY 2024-2026 qualification period must notify the county and its HUD Field Office by letter that it is terminating the agreement at the end of the current period. The county may allow additional time provided any such extension does not interfere with the county's ability to meet the deadline in paragraph J, below.
- H. By July 7, 2023, any unit of general local government that meets "metropolitan city" status for the first time and wishes to defer such status and remain part of the county, or to accept such status and become a joint recipient with the urban county, must notify the county and the HUD Field Office by letter that it elects to defer its metropolitan city status or to accept its status and join with the urban county in a joint agreement. Any metropolitan city that had deferred its status previously or had accepted its status and entered into a joint agreement with the urban county and wishes to maintain the same relationship with the county for this next qualification period, must notify the county and the HUD Field Office by letter by this date. Any unit of general local government that meets metropolitan city status for the first time and is notified in early July by HUD thereof will have until August 18, 2023, to comply

with the requirements of this paragraph. A potential metropolitan city that chooses to accept its entitlement status but chooses not to enter into a joint agreement with the urban county, or a current metropolitan city that chooses not to maintain a joint agreement with the urban county, must also notify the urban county and the HUD Field Office by letter by July 28, 2023. Any extension of this deadline must be authorized by letter by the Field Office. An extension of more than seven days requires the Field Office to notify the Entitlement Communities Division by email or telephone.

- I. By July 14, 2023, any unit of general local government that is not currently participating in an urban county and chooses to participate for the remaining second or third year of the county's qualification period must notify the county and the HUD Field Office by letter that it elects to be included. The county may allow additional time provided any such extension does not interfere with the county's ability to meet the deadline in paragraph J, below.
- J. By July 28, 2023, HUD Field Offices must notify CPD's Systems Development and Evaluation Division via e-mail (Abubakari.D.Zuberi@hud.gov) whether cities that are already identified as potentially eligible metropolitan cities elect to defer or accept their status. For units of general local government that meet metropolitan city status for the first time and are notified in early July thereof (as discussed in paragraph H., above), they must elect to defer or accept their status by August 18, 2023. For units of general local government notified in early July of their status as potential new metropolitan cities, Field Offices have until September 8, 2023, to notify the Systems Development and Evaluation Division of their decisions.
- K. By August 4, 2023, any county seeking to qualify as an urban county (see Attachment B) or to include any previously nonparticipating units of general local government into its configuration (see Attachment E) must submit to the appropriate HUD Field Office all qualification documentation described in Section IV., Documents to be Submitted to HUD. Any extension of this deadline must be authorized by letter or email by the Field Office and should not interfere with the Field Office's ability to meet the deadline in paragraph N. The Entitlement Communities Division and Field Counsel must be notified by email or telephone if an extension of more than seven days is needed. For HOME program purposes, the urban county configurations are final as of September 30 of every year. The HOME deadline is statutory and cannot be extended.
- L. By August 25, 2023, Field Office Counsel should complete the reviews of all cooperation agreements and related authorizations and certify that each cooperation agreement meets the requirements of Section V, Cooperation Agreements. Any delay in completion of the review must not interfere with the Field Office's ability to meet the deadline in paragraph N. The Entitlement Communities Division should be notified by email or telephone of any delay in the Field Counsel's review. **Note: If a county is using a renewable agreement and has submitted a legal opinion that the terms and conditions of the agreement continue to be authorized (see Section IV., paragraph E.), review of such opinion by Field Office Counsel is optional. However, Field Counsel must review the agreement to ensure that**

any new requirements implemented by statute or regulation are incorporated into the agreement or added by an amendment to the agreement.

- M. During July, Headquarters will post the urban county worksheets for each qualifying and requalifying urban county (listed on Attachment B) on the CPD Grants Management Process (GMP) system. **All information on included units of government must be completed via GMP.** Specific instructions for completing these electronic worksheets will be provided by the CPD Systems Development and Evaluation Division at the time they are posted on GMP.
- N. By August 25, 2023, Field Offices shall update and complete the form electronically for each qualifying or requalifying county. The revised worksheet must be sent to the appropriate county for verification of data (via FAX, email, or regular mail). The Systems Development and Evaluation Division will have access to the completed worksheets in GMP. Field Offices shall also concurrently make available to the Systems Development and Evaluation Division (and each affected urban county) a memorandum that identifies any urban county already qualified for FY 2024 that is adding any new units of government, together with the names of the newly included units of government (see Attachment E). **THIS DEADLINE MAY NOT BE EXTENDED WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES DIVISION.**
- O. By September 8, 2023 (or soon thereafter), Headquarters will complete its review of the urban county status worksheets and memoranda for those urban counties adding new units of government. The Field Offices will have access to the updated worksheets and, if necessary, an indication from Headquarters of any apparent discrepancies, problems, or questions – all noted in GMP. The Field Office is to verify the data in the GMP Final Report and notify the Systems Development and Evaluation Division within seven days if any problems exist. If there are no problems, Field Offices will notify, by letter, each county seeking to qualify as an urban county of its urban county status for FY 2024-2026 by September 22, 2023.

III. QUALIFICATION ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY COUNTY

The following actions are to be taken by the urban county:

A. Cooperation Agreements/Amendments

Urban counties that must enter into cooperation agreements or amendments, as appropriate, with the units of general local government located in whole or in part within the county, must submit to HUD executed cooperation agreements, together with evidence of authorization by the governing bodies of both parties (county and UGLG) executed by the proper officials (see Section V., Cooperation Agreements, paragraph A.) in sufficient time to meet the deadline for submission indicated in the schedule in Section II. (cooperation agreements must meet the standards in Section V. of this Notice).

Where urban counties do not have the authority to carry out essential community development and housing activities without the consent of the unit(s) of general local government located therein, urban counties are required to have executed cooperation agreements with these units of government that elect to participate in the urban counties' CDBG programs.

B. Notification of Opportunity to Be Excluded

Units of general local government in which counties have authority to carry out essential community development and housing activities without the consent of the local governing body are automatically included in the urban county unless they elect to be excluded at the time of qualification or requalification. Any county that has such units of general local government must notify each such unit that it may elect to be excluded from the urban county. The unit of government must be notified:

1. That if it chooses to remain with the urban county, it is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while it is part of the urban county;
2. That if it chooses to remain with the urban county, it is also a participant in the HOME program if the urban county receives HOME funding and may only receive a formula allocation under the HOME Program as a part of the urban county, although this does not preclude the urban county or a unit of government within the urban county from applying to the State for HOME funds, if the State allows;
3. That if it chooses to remain with the urban county, it is also a participant in the ESG program if the urban county receives ESG funding and may only receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program as a part of the urban county, although this does not preclude the urban county or a unit of government within the urban county from applying to the State for ESG funds, if the State allows;
4. That if it chooses to be excluded from the urban county, it must notify both the county and the HUD Field Office of its election to be excluded by the date specified in Section II., Qualification Schedule, paragraph E.; and
5. That such election to be excluded will be effective for the entire three-year period for which the urban county qualifies unless the excluded unit specifically elects to be included in a subsequent year for the remainder of the urban county's three-year qualification period.

C. Notification of Opportunity to Be Included

If a currently qualified urban county has one or more nonparticipating units of general local government (see Attachment E), the county may notify, by letter, any such unit of local government during the second or third year of the qualification period that the local

government has the opportunity to be included for the remaining period of urban county qualification. This written notification must include the deadline for such election and must state that the unit of general local government must notify the county and the HUD Field Office, by letter, of its official decision to be included. If cooperation agreements are necessary, the unit electing to be included in the county for the remainder of the qualification period must also execute, with the county, a cooperation agreement meeting the standards in Section V., Cooperation Agreements. The agreement must be received by the HUD Field Office by the date specified in Section II., Qualification Schedule, paragraph K.

D. Notification of Split Places

Counties seeking qualification as urban counties and having units of general local government with any population located only partly within the county must notify these units of their rights by the date provided in Section II., Qualification Schedule, paragraph B. Specifically, the county must provide the following notifications:

1. Where a split place is partly located within only one urban county, one of the following rules applies:
 - a. If it is a split place in which the county has essential powers, the entire area of the split place will be included in the urban county for the urban county qualification period unless the split place has opted out; or
 - b. If the split place can only be included in the county upon the execution of a cooperation agreement, the entire area of the split place will be included in the urban county for the urban county qualification period upon execution of such an agreement.
2. Where the split place is partially located within two or more urban counties, the split place may elect one of the following:
 - a. to be excluded from all urban counties;
 - b. to be entirely included in one urban county and excluded from all other such counties; or
 - c. to participate as a part of more than one of the urban counties in which it is partially located provided that a single portion of the split place cannot be included in more than one entitled urban county at a time, and all parts of the split place are included in one of the urban counties.

E. Notification of Opportunity to Terminate Agreement

Urban counties that have agreements that will be automatically renewed at the end of the current qualification period unless action is taken by the unit of government to terminate the agreement must, by the date provided in Section II., Qualification Schedule, paragraph E, notify such units that they can terminate the agreement and not participate during the 2024-2026 qualification period.

IV. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO HUD

Any county seeking to qualify as an urban county for FY 2024-2026 or that wishes to exercise its option to include units of government that are not currently in the urban county's CDBG program must submit the following to the responsible HUD Field Office:

- A. A copy of the letter that notified applicable units of general local government (and a list of applicable units of government) of their right to decide to be excluded from the urban county along with a copy of letters submitted to the county from any such units of general local government requesting exclusion (see Section III., Qualification Actions to Be Taken by County, paragraph B.). This does not apply to an already qualified urban county adding communities.
- B. A copy of the letter from any unit of general local government joining an already qualified county that officially notifies the county of its election to be included (see Section III. paragraph C.).
- C. Where applicable, a copy of the letter from:
 - 1. Any city that may newly qualify as a metropolitan city but seeks to defer that status;
 - 2. Any city currently deferring metropolitan city status that seeks to continue to defer such status;
 - 3. Any city accepting metropolitan city status stating that it will enter into a joint agreement with the urban county and a letter from the county affirming its willingness to enter into a joint agreement with that city; or
 - 4. Any city accepting metropolitan city status that will cease participation in the urban county's CDBG program (See Section II., Qualification Schedule, paragraph G.).
- D. For a county that has cooperation agreements in effect that provide for automatic renewal, a copy of the letter sent by the county that notified affected units of government that the agreement will be renewed unless the county is notified by the unit of government to

terminate the agreement, and a copy of any such letter from any unit(s) of government requesting termination (see Section III., paragraph E.).

- E. Where applicable, copies of fully executed cooperation agreements, amended agreements, or stand-alone amendments between the county and its included units of general local government, including any cooperation agreements from applicable units of general local government covered under Section III., Qualification Actions to be Taken by County, paragraph C., and the opinions of county counsel and governing body authorizations required in Section V., Cooperation Agreements, paragraphs B. and C.

For a county that has cooperation agreements in effect that provide for automatic renewal of the urban county qualification period as provided under Section V., Cooperation Agreements, paragraph E., at the time of such automatic renewal, the documents to be submitted are: (1) a legal opinion from the county's counsel that the terms and provisions continue to be authorized under state and local law and that the agreement continues to provide full legal authority for the county; (2) copies of any executed amendments to automatically renewed cooperation agreements (if any); and, (3) if locally required, governing body authorizations.

- F. Any joint request(s) for inclusion of a metropolitan city as a part of the urban county as permitted by Section VIII., paragraph A., Metropolitan City/Urban County Joint Recipients, along with a copy of the required cooperation agreement(s). If either the urban county or the metropolitan city falls under the "exception criteria" at 24 CFR § 570.208(a)(1)(ii) for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents of an area, the urban county must notify, by letter, the metropolitan city of the potential effects of such joint agreements on such activities. See Section VIII., paragraph A., for further clarification.

All jurisdictions seeking to qualify as an urban county for the first time must ensure that all documents outlined in this Section that are submitted to the HUD Field Office are also submitted to the Entitlement Communities Division in HUD Headquarters for review. The original documents should be submitted to the HUD Field Office and the copies to HUD Headquarters.

V. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

All cooperation agreements must meet the following standards to be found acceptable:

- A. The governing body of the county and the governing body of the cooperating unit of general local government shall authorize the agreement and the chief executive officer of each unit of general local government shall execute the agreement.
- B. The agreement must contain, or be accompanied by, a legal opinion from the county's counsel that the terms and provisions of the agreement are fully authorized under State and local law and that the agreement provides full legal authority for the county. Where the

county does not have such authority, the legal opinion must state that the participating unit of general local government has the authority to undertake, or assist in undertaking, essential community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities. A mere certification by the county's counsel that the agreement is approved as to form is insufficient and unacceptable.

- C. The agreement must state that the agreement covers the CDBG Entitlement program and, where applicable, the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs (i.e., where the urban county receives funding under the ESG program or receives funding under the HOME program as an urban county or as a member of a HOME consortium).
- D. The agreement must state that, by executing the CDBG cooperation agreement, the included unit of general local government understands that it:
 - 1. May not apply for grants from appropriations under the State CDBG Program for fiscal years during the period in which it participates in the urban county's CDBG program;
 - 2. May receive a formula allocation under the HOME Program only through the urban county. Thus, even if the urban county does not receive a HOME formula allocation, the participating unit of local government cannot form a HOME consortium with other local governments. (Note: This does not preclude the urban county or a unit of government participating with the urban county from applying to the State for HOME funds if the state allows. An existing renewable agreement need not be amended to add this Note. It is included here only for purposes of clarification.); and
 - 3. May receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program only through the urban county. (Note: This does not preclude the urban county or a unit of general local government participating with the urban county from applying to the State for ESG funds if the state allows. An existing renewable agreement need not be amended to add this Note. It is included here only for purposes of clarification.)
- E. The agreement must specify the three years covered by the urban county qualification period (e.g., Federal FYs 2024-2026), for which the urban county is to qualify to receive CDBG entitlement funding or, where applicable, specify the remaining one or two years of an existing urban county's qualification period. At the option of the county, the agreement may provide that it will automatically be renewed for participation in successive three-year qualification periods, unless the county or the participating unit of general local government provides written notice it elects not to participate in a new qualification period. A copy of that notice must be sent to the HUD Field Office.

Where such agreements are used, the agreement must state that, by the date specified in HUD's urban county qualification notice for the next qualification period, the urban county will notify the participating unit of general local government by letter of its right not to

participate. A copy of the county's notification to the jurisdiction must be sent to the HUD Field Office by the date specified in the urban county qualification schedule in Section II.

- F. Cooperation agreements with automatic renewal provisions must include a stipulation that requires each party to adopt any amendment to the agreement incorporating changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperation agreements set forth in an Urban County Qualification Notice applicable for a subsequent three-year urban county qualification period, and to submit such amendment to HUD as provided in the urban county qualification notice (see Section IV., Documents to be Submitted to HUD, paragraph E.), and that such failure to comply will void the automatic renewal for such qualification period.
- G. The agreement must provide that it remains in effect until the CDBG (and, where applicable, HOME and ESG) funds and program income received (with respect to activities carried out during the three-year qualification period, and any successive qualification periods under agreements that provide for automatic renewals) are expended and the funded activities completed, and that the county and participating unit of general local government cannot terminate or withdraw from the cooperation agreement while it remains in effect.
- H. The agreement must expressly state that the county and the cooperating unit of general local government agree to cooperate to undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities. If the county does not have such powers, the agreement must expressly state that the cooperating unit of general local government agrees to "undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities." As an alternative to this wording, the cooperation agreement may reference State legislation authorizing such activities, but only with the approval of the specific alternative wording by HUD Field Counsel.

The agreement must contain an explicit provision obligating the county and the cooperating units of general local government to take all actions necessary to assure compliance with the urban county's certification under section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 1, and the Fair Housing Act, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, and will affirmatively further fair housing. See 24 CFR § 91.225(a) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications (86 FR 30779, June 10, 2021), to be codified at 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/10/2021-12114/restoring-affirmatively-furthering-fair-housing-definitions-and-certifications>. The provision must also include the obligation to comply with section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 6, which incorporates Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the

implementing regulation at 24 CFR part 146, and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. The provision must also include the obligation to comply with other applicable laws. The agreement shall also contain a provision prohibiting urban county funding for activities in, or in support of, any cooperating unit of general local government that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes the county's actions to comply with the county's fair housing certification. This provision is required because noncompliance by a unit of general local government included in an urban county may constitute noncompliance by the grantee (i.e., the urban county) that can, in turn, provide cause for funding sanctions or other remedial actions by the Department. The agreement must include the obligation to sign the assurances and certifications in the HUD 424-B.

Periodically, statutory, or regulatory changes may require urban counties to amend their agreements to add the new provision(s). Urban counties may draft a separate amendment to their existing agreements that includes the new provision(s) rather than drafting a new cooperation agreement that contains the new provisions. However, the separate amendment must be executed by an official representative of each of the participating units of general local government and the urban county.

- I. The agreement must expressly state that the cooperating unit of general local government has adopted and is enforcing:
 1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions.
- J. The agreement may not contain a provision for veto or other restriction that would allow any party to the agreement to obstruct the implementation of the approved Consolidated Plan during the period covered by the agreement. The county has final responsibility for selecting CDBG (and, where applicable, HOME and ESG) activities and submitting the Consolidated Plan to HUD. If the county is a member of a HOME consortium, however, the consortium submits the Plan developed by the county (see Section I., General Requirements, paragraph C.).
- K. The agreement must contain language specifying that, pursuant to 24 CFR § 570.501(b), the unit of local government is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirement of a written agreement as described in 24 CFR § 570.503 (see Section VIII., Special Considerations, paragraph B.).

- L. A county may also include in the cooperation agreement any provisions authorized by State and local laws that legally obligate the cooperating units to undertake the necessary actions, as determined by the county, to carry out a community development program and the approved Consolidated Plan and/or meet other requirements of the CDBG (and, where applicable, HOME and ESG) program and other applicable laws.
- M. The county must also include a provision in the cooperation agreement that a unit of general local government may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to another such metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Act. Urban counties requalifying in 2023 for FYs 2024-2026 must incorporate this language into cooperation agreements by revision or amendment.

VI. PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

A. General

Any county that qualifies as an urban county will be entitled to receive funds as an urban county for three consecutive fiscal years regardless of changes in its population or boundary or population changes in any communities contained within the urban county during that period, provided funds are appropriated by Congress and the county submits its annual Action Plan by August 16 of each year. However, during the period of qualification, no included unit of general local government may withdraw from the urban county unless the urban county does not receive a grant for any year during such period. The urban county's grant amount is calculated annually and will reflect the addition of any new units of general local government during the second and third years of the period of qualification.

Any unincorporated portion of the county that incorporates during the urban county qualification period will remain part of the urban county through the end of the three-year period.

Any unit of general local government that is part of an urban county will continue to be included in the urban county for that county's qualification period, even if it meets the criteria to be considered a "metropolitan city" during that period. Such an included unit of general local government cannot become eligible for a separate entitlement grant as a metropolitan city while participating as a part of an urban county (see Section VIII paragraph E).

B. Retaining Urban County Classification

Any county classified as an urban county in FY 1999 may, at the option of the county, retain

its classification as an urban county.

Any county that became classified as an urban county in FY 2000 or later and was so classified for at least two years will retain its classification as an urban county, unless the urban county qualified under section 102(a)(6)(A) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and fails to requalify under that section due to the election of a currently participating non-entitlement community to opt out or not to renew a cooperation agreement (for reasons other than becoming an eligible metropolitan city).

VII. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The county, as the CDBG grant recipient, either for the urban county or a joint recipient (see Section VIII, paragraph A., Metropolitan City/Urban County Joint Recipients) has full responsibility for the execution of the community development program, for following its Consolidated Plan, and for complying with laws and requirements applicable to the CDBG program. The county's responsibility must include these functions even where, as a matter of administrative convenience or State law, the county permits the participating units of general local government to carry out essential community development and housing assistance activities. The county will be held accountable for the accomplishment of the community development program, for following its Consolidated Plan, and for ensuring that actions necessary for such accomplishment are taken by cooperating units of general local government.

VIII. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Metropolitan City/Urban County Joint Recipients

Any urban county and any metropolitan city located in whole or in part within that county can ask HUD to approve the inclusion of the metropolitan city as a part of the urban county for purposes of planning and implementing a joint community development and housing assistance program. HUD will consider approving a joint request only if it is signed by the chief executive officers of both entities and is submitted at the time the county is seeking its qualification as an urban county. A joint request will be deemed approved unless HUD notifies the city and the county otherwise within 30 days following submission of the joint request and an executed cooperation agreement meeting the requirements specified under Section V., Cooperation Agreements. An urban county may be joined by more than one metropolitan city, but a metropolitan city located in more than one urban county may be a joint recipient with only one urban county at a time.

Upon urban county qualification and HUD approval of the joint request, the metropolitan city becomes a part of the urban county for purposes of program planning and implementation for the entire period of the urban county qualification and will be treated by HUD as any other unit of general local government that is a part of the urban county. When a metropolitan city joins an urban county in this manner, the grant amount is the sum of the

amounts authorized for the individual metropolitan city and urban county. The urban county becomes the grant recipient.

A metropolitan city in a joint agreement with the urban county is treated the same as any other unit of general local government that is part of the urban county for purposes of the CDBG program, but not for the HOME or ESG programs. If the metropolitan city does not qualify to receive a separate allocation of HOME funds, to be considered for HOME funding as part of the urban county, it may form a HOME consortium with the urban county. If the metropolitan city qualifies to receive a separate allocation of HOME funds, it has two options: (1) it may form a HOME consortium with the county, in which case it will be included as part of the county when the HOME funds for the county are calculated; or (2) the metropolitan city may administer its HOME program on its own. NOTE: The execution of a CDBG joint agreement between an urban county and metropolitan city does not in itself satisfy HOME requirements for a written consortia agreement. For additional information on the requirements for consortia agreements, see 24 CFR 92.101 and the Notice of Procedures for Designation of Consortia as a Participating Jurisdiction for the HOME Program (CPD-13-002).

The ESG program does provide for joint agreements among certain grantees; however, there are separate requirements that apply to those joint agreements. A metropolitan city and an urban county that each receive an allocation under ESG and are located within a geographic area that is covered by a single Continuum of Care (CoC) may jointly request the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to permit the urban county or the metropolitan city, as agreed to by such county and city, to receive and administer their combined allocations under a single grant. For more information about joint agreements for the ESG program, contact Marlisa Grogan at 603-666-7510, Ext. 3049 or Marlisa.M.Grogan@hud.gov. The TTY number is 603-666-3805. These are not toll-free numbers.

Counties and metropolitan cities considering a joint request should be aware that significant effects could occur where either the urban county or the metropolitan city would otherwise fall under the exception rule criteria for activities that benefit low-and moderate-income residents on an area basis (see 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(ii)). Joint agreements result in a modification to an urban county's configuration, and a change in the mix of census block groups in an urban county is likely to change the relative ranking of specific block groups by quartile, thus affecting the minimum concentration of low- and moderate-income persons under the exception rule. HUD will make a rank-ordering computer run available to counties and metropolitan cities considering joint participation to assist them in determining the possible effects of inclusion and how such an agreement may impact their respective programs.

B. Subrecipient Agreements

The execution of cooperation agreements meeting the requirements of Section V., Cooperation Agreements, between an urban county and its participating units of local

government does not in itself satisfy the requirement for a written subrecipient agreement required by the regulations at 24 CFR 570.503. Where a participating unit of general local government carries out an eligible activity funded by the urban county, the urban county is responsible, prior to disbursing any CDBG funds for any such activity or project, for executing a written subrecipient agreement with the unit of government containing the minimum requirements found at 24 § CFR 570.503. The subrecipient agreement must remain in effect during any period that the unit of local government has control over CDBG funds, including program income.

C. Ineligibility for State CDBG Program

An urban county's included units of general local government are ineligible to apply for grants from appropriations under the State CDBG Program for fiscal years during the period in which the units of general local government are participating in the Entitlement CDBG program with the urban county.

D. Eligibility for a HOME Consortium

When included units of local government become part of an urban county for the CDBG Program, they are part of the urban county for the HOME Program and may receive HOME funds only as part of the urban county or from the State. Thus, even if the urban county does not receive a HOME formula allocation, the participating unit of local government cannot form a HOME consortium with other local governments. This does not preclude the urban county or a unit of government within an urban county from applying to the State for HOME funds if the State allows. However, a unit of local government that chooses to opt out of the urban county may become part of a HOME consortium by signing the HOME consortium agreement.

A unit of local government that is partially located in two counties with at least one of those counties being a member of a consortium may participate in the consortium. If the county is an urban county, the unit of local government may only participate as a member of the urban county.

E. Counties with Potential Metropolitan Cities

If a county includes a unit of general local government that believes its population meets the statutory threshold to enable it to receive CDBG entitlement funds as a metropolitan city directly, but the city and county have not yet received notification from HUD regarding metropolitan city eligibility, HUD has identified two options a county may use to address such situations:

1. The county and community can negotiate a schedule that will provide the community additional time to receive notification from HUD of its eligibility as a potential new metropolitan city and, if the community does not reach metropolitan city status (or

becomes eligible and elects to defer its status), execute a cooperation agreement and still meet the deadlines identified in this Notice; or

2. If a county believes delaying the execution of a cooperation agreement until HUD provides such notification will prohibit it from meeting the submission deadlines in this Notice, the county may want to include a clause in the agreement that provides that the agreement will be voided if the community is advised by HUD, prior to the completion of the requalification process for FYs 2024-2026, that it is eligible to become a metropolitan city and the community elects to take its entitlement status. If such a clause is used, it must state that if the agreement is not voided based on the community's eligibility as a metropolitan city prior to July 28, 2023 (or a later date if approved by letter or email by HUD), the community must remain a part of the county for the entire three-year period of the county's qualification.

Option 1 above is preferred. Option 2 is available if a county wishes to use it, although there is concern that a community may believe that the use of a clause that may void the agreement will enable it to opt out later in the three-year period of qualification if it reaches the population during that time to be a metropolitan city. Therefore, any such clause must be clear that it applies only for a limited period of time.

There are jurisdictions that may potentially qualify as urban counties for the first time because they contain one or more metropolitan cities that may consider relinquishing their status as entitlement grantees. If a county has a metropolitan city or cities that are willing to relinquish its/their status as entitlement grantee(s) and the county wants to begin the process of qualifying as an urban county, the Entitlement Communities Division in HUD Headquarters should be notified as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after the county notifies the Field Office of its intent to qualify as an urban county. A list of these counties is provided as Attachment F.

F. Incorporated Unit of General Local Government Dissolution

A unit of general local government located in an urban county may unincorporate or dissolve or merge with another unit of general local government. Assuming the urban county possesses essential community development and housing assistance powers, the dissolved unit of general local government will automatically be considered as part of the urban county for CDBG program purposes. If the dissolved unit of government merges into another unit of general local government that already participates in the urban county, then the newly expanded unit of government will be a participant in the urban county's CDBG program. The cooperation agreement between the urban county and the expanded unit of general local government will need to be submitted to the Field Office for Field Counsel review.

The Bureau of Census' (Census) designation of a former incorporated unit of general local government as dissolved or a former unincorporated unit of general local

government as incorporated is important because Section 102(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires the definitions in Section 102(a) such as city, metropolitan city, and urban county to be based on the most recent data compiled by Census. Therefore, Census must recognize the former incorporated unit of general local government as dissolved for it to be recognized by HUD as no longer being an incorporated unit of general local government.

If the urban county is requalifying this year or the following year, and the unit of general local government is recognized by Census as dissolved, the former unit of general local government will be considered a part of the unincorporated area of the urban county. In that instance, CDBG funds may be used to assist activities that will be located in the former unit of general local government, and its residents may benefit from CDBG-assisted activities.

If the urban county is requalifying this year, and the unit of general local government is not recognized as dissolved by Census (although dissolution has occurred), it will become part of the urban county, since the unit of government has legally ceased to exist.

G. Qualification of New York Towns as Metropolitan Cities

In the state of New York, there are towns that can qualify as metropolitan cities. These towns are required to secure the participation of all the incorporated villages located within their boundaries to attain metropolitan city status. As metropolitan cities, these towns may receive their own CDBG grants. New York towns requalify every three years.

There are eight New York towns (Greensburgh, Hempstead, North Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Clarkstown, Ramapo, Smithtown, and Southampton) that are located in existing urban counties and are eligible to be metropolitan cities but have not taken steps to qualify as metropolitan cities. They decided to participate in their respective urban counties' CDBG programs as participating units of general government. However, when the urban counties in which the towns are located requalify, these eight towns may decide to become metropolitan cities and administer their own CDBG programs. This means that the towns would have elected to leave the urban counties in which they were participating as units of general local government. If a New York town decides to become a metropolitan city and administer its own CDBG program, the following steps must be taken:

1. The New York town should decide before the urban county requalification process starts (usually March or April) whether it will accept its metropolitan city status. Past experience has demonstrated that units of general local government need plenty of time to complete all of the necessary processes, so HUD recommends that this decision-making process start in the year before the urban county's requalification year. The town must secure the participation of all the villages located within its boundaries by execution of a cooperation agreement with those villages. Depending

on local circumstances, it may take several months to notify every village by letter of its intent to become a separate entitlement community and to secure the participation of all the villages. The town cannot qualify as an entitlement grantee unless it secures the participation of all the villages. To illustrate, for example, hypothetical Blue County is requalifying in 2024 for 2025-2027. The town of Orange has been participating in the county's CDBG program but would like to become an entitlement grantee and administer its own CDBG program. It is advisable that the town make this decision during 2023 so it can begin to contact the villages and secure their participation in the town's CDBG program.

2. The urban county is required to notify all participating units of general local government by letter (typically, in April) that they may choose to opt out of participation in the urban county's CDBG program. The units of general local government must notify the urban counties by letter of their decisions by the due date (typically, in June) in Section II. of the urban county Qualification/ Requalification Notice. The New York town must respond to the urban county's correspondence by that date. If the town has an automatically renewing cooperation agreement with the urban county, it must notify the county (typically by mid-June) that it is terminating the cooperation agreement. The urban county must be notified by the established deadlines in this Notice so that it may complete the requalification process in a timely manner. Failure to meet the established deadlines may result in the New York town having to remain as part of the urban county for the next three-year qualification period. Furthermore, if a town notifies its respective urban county that it is leaving, and then does not sign up all the villages, then the town and any villages that have signed on to the town's decision to seek entitlement status may be excluded from the urban county but cannot receive separate metropolitan city funding because it did not qualify.

IX. DETERMINATIONS OF ESSENTIAL POWERS

- A. For new urban counties, HUD Field Office Counsel must initially determine whether each county within its jurisdiction that is eligible to qualify as an urban county has powers to carry out essential community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities. For requalifying urban counties, the Field Office Counsel may rely on its previous determination(s) unless there is evidence to the contrary. In assessing such evidence, Field Office counsel may consider information provided by the county and its included units of general local government as well as other relevant information obtained from independent sources.

For these purposes, the term essential community development and housing assistance activities means community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities. Activities that may be accepted as essential community development and housing assistance activities might include but are not limited to (1) acquisition of property for disposition for private reuse, especially for low- and moderate-income housing; (2) direct rehabilitation of

or financial assistance to housing; (3) low rent housing activities; (4) disposition of land to private developers for appropriate redevelopment; and (5) condemnation of property for low-income housing.

In making the required determinations, Field Office Counsel must consider both the county's authority and, where applicable, the authority of its designated agency or agencies. Field Office Counsel shall make such determinations as identified below and concur in notifications to the county(ies) about these issues.

- B. For new and requalifying counties, the notification by the Field Office required under Section II., paragraph A., must include the following determinations:
1. Whether the county is authorized to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities in its unincorporated areas, if any, which are not units of general local government.
 2. Which of the county's units of general local government the county is authorized to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities without the consent of the governing body of the locality. The population of these units of local government will be counted towards qualification of the urban county unless they specifically elect to be excluded from the county for purposes of the CDBG program and so notify both the county and HUD by letter by July 14, 2023); and,
 3. Which of the county's units of general local government the county is either (a) not authorized to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities or (b) may do so only with the consent of the governing body of the locality. The population of these units of local government will only be counted if they have signed cooperation agreements with the county that meet the standards set forth in Section V. of this Notice.

ATTACHMENT A

ALL CURRENTLY QUALIFIED URBAN COUNTIES

NEW ENGLAND FIELD OFFICES

MAINE

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICES

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

BURLINGTON COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

ESSEX COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

HUDSON COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

MONMOUTH COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

MORRIS COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

OCEAN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

PASSAIC COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

SOMERSET COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

UNION COUNTY

NEW YORK

DUTCHESS COUNTY

NEW YORK

ERIE COUNTY

NEW YORK

MONROE COUNTY

NEW YORK

NASSAU COUNTY

NEW YORK

ONONDAGA COUNTY

NEW YORK

ORANGE COUNTY

NEW YORK

ROCKLAND COUNTY

NEW YORK

SUFFOLK COUNTY

NEW YORK

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES

DELAWARE

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

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MIDWEST FIELD OFFICES

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD OFFICES

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ATTACHMENT B

COUNTIES SCHEDULED TO REQUALIFY IN 2023 FOR FYs 2024-2026

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICES

NEW JERSEY	BERGEN COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	BURLINGTON COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	CAMDEN COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	ESSEX COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	HUDSON COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	MIDDLESEX COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	MONMOUTH COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	MORRIS COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	UNION COUNTY

NEW YORK	ERIE COUNTY
NEW YORK	MONROE COUNTY
NEW YORK	NASSAU COUNTY
NEW YORK	ONONDAGA COUNTY
NEW YORK	ORANGE COUNTY
NEW YORK	ROCKLAND COUNTY
NEW YORK	SUFFOLK COUNTY

MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES

DELAWARE	NEW CASTLE COUNTY
MARYLAND	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
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MARYLAND	HARFORD COUNTY
MARYLAND	MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MARYLAND	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

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ATTACHMENT C

COUNTIES SCHEDULED TO REQUALIFY IN 2024 FOR FYs 2025-2027

NEW ENGLAND FIELD OFFICES	
MAINE	CUMBERLAND COUNTY
NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICES	
NEW JERSEY	ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW YORK	DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK	WESTCHESTER COUNTY
MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES	
PENNSYLVANIA	LEHIGH COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
VIRGINIA	CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN COUNTY
VIRGINIA	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
SOUTHEAST/CARIBBEAN FIELD OFFICES	
FLORIDA	BREVARD COUNTY
FLORIDA	COLLIER COUNTY
FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE-DUVAL COUNTY
FLORIDA	OSCEOLA COUNTY
FLORIDA	PASCO COUNTY
FLORIDA	SEMINOLE COUNTY
FLORIDA	ST. JOHNS COUNTY
GEORGIA	CLAYTON COUNTY
GEORGIA	GWINNETT COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA	CUMBERLAND COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA	MECKLENBURG COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA	UNION COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA	WAKE COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA	SPARTANBURG COUNTY

TENNESSEE	SHELBY COUNTY
MIDWEST FIELD OFFICES	
ILLINOIS	KANE COUNTY
ILLINOIS	MCHENRY COUNTY
INDIANA	HAMILTON COUNTY
INDIANA	LAKE COUNTY
MINNESOTA	RAMSEY COUNTY
MINNESOTA	WASHINGTON COUNTY
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TEXAS	BEXAR COUNTY
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GREAT PLAINS FIELD OFFICES	
KANSAS	JOHNSON COUNTY
MISSOURI	JEFFERSON COUNTY
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD OFFICES	
COLORADO	ADAMS COUNTY
COLORADO	ARAPAHOE COUNTY
PACIFIC/HAWAII FIELD OFFICES	
ARIZONA	PINAL COUNTY
CALIFORNIA	MONTEREY COUNTY
CALIFORNIA	SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
CALIFORNIA	VENTURA COUNTY

NORTHWEST/ALASKA FIELD OFFICES	
OREGON	MULTNOMAH COUNTY
WASHINGTON	THURSTON COUNTY

ATTACHMENT D

COUNTIES SCHEDULED TO REQUALIFY IN 2025 FOR FYs 2026-2028

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICES

NEW JERSEY	GLOUCESTER COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	OCEAN COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	PASSAIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY	SOMERSET COUNTY

MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES

MARYLAND	HOWARD COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA	CUMBERLAND COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA	DAUPHIN COUNTY
VIRGINIA	HENRICO COUNTY

SOUTHEAST/CARIBBEAN FIELD OFFICES

ALABAMA	MOBILE COUNTY
FLORIDA	LEE COUNTY
FLORIDA	MANATEE COUNTY
FLORIDA	MARION COUNTY
FLORIDA	SARASOTA COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA	HORRY COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA	RICHLAND COUNTY

MIDWEST FIELD OFFICES

MINNESOTA	ANOKA COUNTY
MINNESOTA	DAKOTA COUNTY
MINNESOTA	ST LOUIS COUNTY
OHIO	BUTLER COUNTY

WISCONSIN
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DANE COUNTY
WAUKESHA COUNTY

SOUTHWEST FIELD OFFICES

LOUISIANA

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

OKLAHOMA

TULSA COUNTY

GREAT PLAINS FIELD OFFICES

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ST. CHARLES COUNTY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD OFFICES

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PACIFIC/HAWAII FIELD OFFICES

ARIZONA

PIMA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

STANISLAUS COUNTY

NORTHWEST/ALASKA FIELD OFFICES

WASHINGTON

KITSAP COUNTY

ATTACHMENT E

**COUNTIES QUALIFIED THROUGH 2024 OR 2025 THAT CONTAIN
NON-PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES**

NEW ENGLAND FIELD OFFICES

CUMBERLAND COUNTY MAINE

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICES

ATLANTIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY

WESTCHESTER COUNTY NEW YORK

MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES

DAUPHIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

LEHIGH COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

SOUTHEAST/CARIBBEAN FIELD OFFICES

MOBILE COUNTY ALABAMA

BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA

COLLIER COUNTY FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE-DUVAL COUNTY FLORIDA

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

MARION COUNTY FLORIDA

PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA

SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA

ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA

CLAYTON COUNTY GEORGIA

GWINNETT COUNTY GEORGIA

MECKLENBURG COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

UNION COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

RICHLAND COUNTY
SPARTANBURG COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA
SOUTH CAROLINA

MIDWEST FIELD OFFICES

KANE COUNTY
MCHENRY COUNTY

ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS

HAMILTON COUNTY

INDIANA

RAMSEY COUNTY
ST. LOUIS COUNTY
WASHINGTON COUNTY

MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA

BUTLER COUNTY

OHIO

DANE COUNTY
WAUKESHA COUNTY

WISCONSIN
WISCONSIN

SOUTHWEST FIELD OFFICES

TULSA COUNTY

OKLAHOMA

BEXAR COUNTY
BRAZORIA COUNTY
FORT BEND COUNTY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
WILLIAMSON COUNTY

TEXAS
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GREAT PLAINS FIELD OFFICES

JEFFERSON COUNTY
ST. CHARLES COUNTY

MISSOURI
MISSOURI

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD OFFICES

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

COLORADO

UTAH COUNTY

UTAH

PACIFIC/HAWAII FIELD OFFICES

PIMA COUNTY
PINAL COUNTY

ARIZONA
ARIZONA

MONTEREY COUNTY
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA

NORTHWEST/ALASKA FIELD OFFICES

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

OREGON

KITSAP COUNTY
THURSTON COUNTY

WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON

ATTACHMENT F
LIST OF COUNTIES THAT MAY QUALIFY AS URBAN COUNTIES
IF METROPOLITAN CITIES RELINQUISH THEIR STATUS

State	Name	POP21
AL	Madison County	395,211
AL	Huntsville city (pt.)	212,359
AL	Montgomery County	227,434
AL	Montgomery city	198,665
AL	Tuscaloosa County	227,007
AL	Tuscaloosa city	100,618
AR	Benton County	293,692
AR	Bentonville city	56,734
AR	Rogers city	71,112
AR	Springdale city (pt.)	12,106
AR	Pulaski County	397,821
AR	Jacksonville city	29,305
AR	Little Rock city	201,998
AR	North Little Rock city	64,162
AR	Washington County	250,057
AR	Fayetteville city	95,230
AR	Springdale city (pt.)	75,503
AZ	Yavapai County	242,253
AZ	Prescott city	46,833
AZ	Yuma County	206,990
AZ	Yuma city	97,093
CA	Butte County	208,309
CA	Chico city	102,338
CA	Paradise town	5,268
CA	Springdale city (pt.)	75,503
CA	Merced County	286,461
CA	Merced city	89,308
CA	Placer County	412,300
CA	Rocklin city	72,975
CA	Roseville city	151,901
CA	Santa Cruz County	267,792
CA	Santa Cruz city	61,950
CA	Watsonville city	52,067

State	Name	POP21
CA	Solano County	451,716
CA	Fairfield city	119,705
CA	Vacaville city	103,078
CA	Vallejo city	124,886
CA	Yolo County	216,986
CA	Davis city	66,799
CA	West Sacramento city	53,637
CA	Woodland city	61,398
CO	Boulder County	329,543
CO	Boulder city	104,175
CO	Longmont city (pt.)	99,463
CO	Larimer County	362,533
CO	Fort Collins city	168,538
CO	Loveland city	77,194
FL	Alachua County	279,238
FL	Gainesville city	140,398
FL	Leon County	292,817
FL	Tallahassee city	197,102
FL	Okaloosa County	213,255
FL	Crestview city	27,820
FL	Fort Walton Beach city	20,879
FL	St. Lucie County	343,579
FL	Fort Pierce city	47,927
FL	Port St. Lucie city	217,523
GA	Chatham County	296,329
GA	Savannah city	147,088
GA	Hall County	207,369
GA	Gainesville city	43,417
IA	Linn County	228,939
IA	Cedar Rapids city	136,467
ID	Ada County	511,931
ID	Boise City city	237,446
ID	Meridian city	125,963
ID	Canyon County	243,115
ID	Caldwell city	63,629
ID	Nampa city	106,186
IL	Champaign County	205,943
IL	Champaign city	89,114
IL	Rantoul village	12,119
IL	Urbana city	38,681

State	Name	POP21
IL	Winnebago County	283,119
IL	Rockford city (pt.)	147,711
IN	Allen County	388,608
IN	Fort Wayne city	265,974
IN	Elkhart County	206,921
IN	Elkhart city	53,949
IN	Goshen city	34,756
IN	St. Joseph County	272,212
IN	Mishawaka city	51,074
IN	South Bend city	103,353
KS	Sedgwick County	523,828
KS	Wichita city	395,699
LA	Caddo Parish	233,092
LA	Shreveport city (pt.)	181,146
LA	Calcasieu Parish	205,282
LA	Lake Charles city	81,097
ME	York County	214,591
ME	Biddeford city	22,569
MI	Ingham County	284,034
MI	East Lansing city (pt.)	44,417
MI	Lansing city (pt.)	107,653
MI	Kalamazoo County	261,108
MI	Kalamazoo city	73,257
MI	Portage city	48,844
MO	Clay County	255,518
MO	Kansas City city (pt.)	139,432
MO	Greene County	300,865
MO	Springfield city (pt.)	169,722
MO	Jackson County	716,862
MO	Blue Springs city	59,430
MO	Independence city (pt.)	122,088
MO	Kansas City city (pt.)	314,956
MO	Lee's Summit city (pt.)	100,061
MS	Harrison County	209,396
MS	Biloxi city	49,241
MS	Gulfport city	72,105
MS	Hinds County	222,679
MS	Jackson city (pt.)	149,387
NC	Buncombe County	271,534
NC	Asheville city	94,067

State	Name	POP21
NC	Cabarrus County	231,278
NC	Concord city	107,697
NC	Kannapolis city (pt.)	43,875
NC	Durham County	326,126
NC	Chapel Hill town (pt.)	2,847
NC	Durham city (pt.)	285,115
NC	Raleigh city (pt.)	1,540
NC	Forsyth County	385,523
NC	High Point city (pt.)	80
NC	Winston-Salem city	250,320
NC	Gaston County	230,856
NC	Gastonia city	81,161
NC	Guilford County	542,410
NC	Burlington city (pt.)	1,892
NC	Greensboro city	298,263
NC	High Point city (pt.)	107,265
NC	New Hanover County	229,018
NC	Wilmington city	117,643
NC	Onslow County	206,160
NC	Jacksonville city	72,876
NE	Douglas County	585,008
NE	Omaha city	487,300
NE	Lancaster County	324,514
NE	Lincoln city	292,657
NM	Bernalillo County	674,393
NM	Albuquerque city	562,599
NM	Rio Rancho city (pt.)	5
NM	Doña Ana County	221,508
NM	Las Cruces city	112,914
NV	Washoe County	493,392
NV	Reno city	268,851
NV	Sparks city	109,796
NY	Niagara County	211,653
NY	Niagara Falls city	48,360
NY	Oneida County	230,274
NY	Rome city	31,974
NY	Utica city	64,501
OH	Lorain County	315,595
OH	Elyria city	52,816
OH	Lorain city	65,430

State	Name	POP21
OH	Lucas County	429,191
OH	Toledo city	268,508
OH	Mahoning County	226,762
OH	Alliance city (pt.)	46
OH	Youngstown city (pt.)	60,268
OH	Trumbull County	201,335
OH	Warren city	39,020
OH	Youngstown city (pt.)	2
OK	Cleveland County	297,597
OK	Moore city	63,462
OK	Norman city	128,097
OK	Oklahoma City city (pt.)	78,976
OK	Oklahoma County	798,575
OK	Edmond city	95,341
OK	Midwest City city	58,145
OK	Oklahoma City city (pt.)	527,861
OR	Deschutes County	204,801
OR	Bend city	102,059
OR	Redmond city	35,582
OR	Jackson County	223,734
OR	Ashland city	21,607
OR	Medford city	86,367
OR	Lane County	383,189
OR	Eugene city	175,096
OR	Springfield city	62,256
PA	Erie County	269,011
PA	Erie city	93,999
PA	Lackawanna County	215,663
PA	Scranton city	75,874
SC	Anderson County	206,908
SC	Anderson city	29,284
TN	Hamilton County	369,135
TN	Chattanooga city	182,113
TN	Montgomery County	227,900
TN	Clarksville city	170,957
TN	Rutherford County	352,182
TN	Murfreesboro city	157,519
TN	Williamson County	255,735
TN	Franklin city	85,469

State	Name	POP21
TX	Bell County	379,617
TX	Killeen city	156,261
TX	Temple city	85,416
TX	Brazos County	237,032
TX	Bryan city	86,866
TX	College Station city	120,019
TX	Cameron County	423,029
TX	Brownsville city	187,831
TX	Harlingen city	71,925
TX	San Benito city	24,780
TX	El Paso County	867,947
TX	El Paso city	678,415
TX	Galveston County	355,062
TX	Galveston city	53,219
TX	League City city (pt.)	113,073
TX	Texas City city (pt.)	54,247
TX	Hays County	255,397
TX	Austin city (pt.)	975
TX	San Marcos city (pt.)	68,577
TX	Jefferson County	253,704
TX	Beaumont city	112,556
TX	Port Arthur city (pt.)	55,645
TX	Lubbock County	314,451
TX	Lubbock city	260,993
TX	McLennan County	263,115
TX	Waco city	139,594
TX	Nueces County	353,079
TX	Corpus Christi city (pt.)	317,773
TX	Smith County	237,186
TX	Tyler city	107,192
TX	Webb County	267,945
TX	Laredo city	256,153
UT	Weber County	267,066
UT	Ogden city	86,798
WA	Benton County	210,025
WA	Kennewick city	84,488
WA	Richland city	61,929
WA	Whatcom County	228,831
WA	Bellingham city	92,289
WA	Yakima County	256,035
WA	Yakima city	96,578

State	Name	POP21
WI	Brown County	269,591
WI	Green Bay city	107,015

ATTACHMENT G

COUNTIES PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE BUT
HAVE NOT ACCEPTED URBAN COUNTY STATUS

NEW ENGLAND FIELD OFFICES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY OFFICES

NEW YORK

SARATOGA COUNTY

MID-ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICES

DELAWARE

SUSSEX COUNTY

MARYLAND

FREDERICK COUNTY

SOUTHEAST/CARIBBEAN FIELD OFFICES

ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY
SHELBY COUNTY

FLORIDA

HERNANDO COUNTY

GEORGIA

FORSYTH COUNTY

TENNESSEE

SUMNER COUNTY

MIDWEST FIELD OFFICES

MICHIGAN

OTTAWA COUNTY

OHIO

DELAWARE COUNTY

SOUTHWEST FIELD OFFICES

TEXAS

COLLIN COUNTY
DENTON COUNTY
ELLIS COUNTY

GREAT PLAINS FIELD OFFICES

IOWA

POLK COUNTY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD OFFICES

UTAH

DAVIS COUNTY

PACIFIC/HAWAII FIELD OFFICES

ARIZONA

MOHAVE COUNTY*

CALIFORNIA

TULARE COUNTY

*Mohave County may only qualify as an urban county if the cities of Kingman and Lake Havasu both decide not to accept their entitlement status.

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A RESOLUTION TO RENEW, RENEW and AMEND, and/or EXECUTE A NEW 3- YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE MUNICIPALITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE-YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS), PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AND SUBTITLE B OF TITLE IV OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1987, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended to make grants to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development and Affordable Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York grants to any municipal corporation the power, either individually or jointly with one or more other municipal corporations, to apply for, accept, and expend funds made available through the State, pursuant to the provision of any Federal law which is not inconsistent with the statutes or condition of this State, in order to administer, conduct or participate with the Federal Government in programs relating to the general welfare of the inhabitants of such municipal corporation; and;

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities have requested participation and the County of Orange had determined that it is desirable and in the public interest that it make application for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds as an Urban County; and

WHEREAS, participation by the County of Orange as an Urban County in the Community Development, HOME, and ESG Programs requires that municipalities and the County of Orange cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community housing and development activities that benefit low and moderate income people; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality agrees to participate in eligible activities to be conducted under the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor/Supervisor/Village Manager of the Municipality is authorized to renew, renew and amend, and/or execute a Cooperation Agreement and send notice of this election to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at the New York Field Office; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Municipality that the Mayor/Supervisor/Village Manager is authorized to renew, renew and amend, and/or execute the Urban County CDBG Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange to participate in the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended for the program years commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (and successive three-year qualification periods); and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment, as provided by law.

Date adopted: _____

ORANGE COUNTY CDBG URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM CONFIGURATION

QUALIFICATION PERIOD: FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026

I. ORANGE COUNTY CDBG URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

1. TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE
2. TOWN OF CHESTER
3. TOWN OF CORNWALL
4. TOWN OF CRAWFORD
5. TOWN OF DEERPARK
6. TOWN OF GOSHEN
7. TOWN OF GREENVILLE
8. TOWN OF HAMPTONBURGH
9. TOWN OF HIGHLANDS
10. TOWN OF MINISINK
11. TOWN OF MONROE
12. TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
13. TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE
14. TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR
15. TOWN OF NEWBURGH
16. TOWN OF TUXEDO
17. TOWN OF WALLKILL
18. TOWN OF WARWICK
19. TOWN OF WAWAYANDA
20. TOWN OF WOODBURY
21. VILLAGE OF CHESTER
22. VILLAGE OF CORNWALLONHUDSON
23. VILLAGE OF FLORIDA
24. VILLAGE OF GOSHEN
25. VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD LAKE
26. VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN
27. VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
28. VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK
29. VILLAGE OF MONROE
30. VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY
31. VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE
32. VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
33. VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
34. VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE
35. VILLAGE OF WARWICK
36. VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE
37. VILLAGE OF WALDEN
38. VILLAGE OF WOODBURY

ORANGE COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM CONFIGURATION

QUALIFICATION PERIOD: FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025 AND 2026

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36. VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE
37. VILLAGE OF WALDEN
38. VILLAGE OF WOODBURY

CITIES:

39. CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
40. CITY OF NEWBURGH
41. CITY OF PORT JERVIS