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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Pamela J. Holmquist, Commission Chair
Flathead County
800 S Main St. Rm 32
Kalispell, MT 59901

Re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities – Flathead County, Contract
MT-CDBG-12PF-01, **Environmental Release of Conditions**

Dear Chairperson Holmquist:

This letter is to inform you of the following actions related to your CDBG contract for Flathead County as follows:

- (A) Environmental Release of Funds; and
- (B) Release of Contract Start-up Conditions.

A. Environmental Release of Funds

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) prepared for the Intermountain Providence Home project has been received by the Montana CDBG Program – including (a) *Environmental Assessment (EA) Form*; (b) the May 13, 2014 *Finding of No Significant Impact / Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds*; and (c) the June 25, 2014 *Request for Release of Funds (RROF)*. The ERR file for this project is complete.

The Finding of No Significant Impact and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI/RROF) was published in the *Missoulian* and *The Daily Interlake*, newspapers of regional distribution, on March 9, 2014. CDBG regulations require a fifteen-day local comment period following the date of publication before the Request for Release of Funds is submitted to the state. In Flathead County's case, an original FONSI/NOI/RROF was published on December 16, 2013. However, after the County received comments that recommended substantial changes to the project, the process was suspended and the site plan and EA were updated to reflect those recommendations. A second FONSI/NOI/RROF was published on May 18, 2014, allowing comments for the (more than) minimum fifteen-day period of May 19, 2014 through June 16, 2014. The notice advised the public that the County would request release of funds on or before June 16, 2014, but that request did not take place as scheduled. A stand-alone NOI/RROF was published on June 23, 2014, allowing comments on the process from June 24, 2014 through July 10, 2014. No comments or objections were received. The CDBG Program received the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) on June 25, 2014. All comments regarding the overall Environmental Assessment and process have been considered. The minimum waiting period has expired.

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The environmental condition of the CDBG contract is hereby removed. Please retain this letter in the environmental file for this project.

B. Release of Contract Start-up Conditions

Documentation of completion of contract start-up conditions regarding commitment of all non-CDBG funds referenced in the CDBG contract budget, receipt and approval of the project management plan, updated implementation schedule, interlocal or subrecipient agreement, and of Civil Rights requirements has been received by CDBG and each of these conditions is hereby released.

You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under MT-CDBG-12PF-01. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (406) 841-2779 or e-mail at kplettenberg@mt.gov.

Sincerely,



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