



Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division

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March 18, 2020

The Honorable Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor
City of Margate
5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063

Dear Mayor Ruzzano:

**SUBJ: Community Development Block Grant
Urban County Program Participation**

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide notice to your municipality regarding the Urban County Qualification Process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for fiscal years 2021-2023.

The U.S. Department of HUD allows any urban county and any metropolitan city located in whole or in part within that county to 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.

The amount of funds Broward County will receive under the CDBG Program for fiscal years 2021-2023 will be based, in part, on the population of the areas included in the Urban County. It is our responsibility to notify all communities of their right to be included as a part of the Urban County, if they so choose.

Upon urban county qualification and HUD approval of the joint request and cooperation agreement, 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. Before taking any action on this matter you should be aware that your decision to participate or not to participate with Broward County in the Urban County Program will be in effect for three federal fiscal years, 2021 (beginning October 1, 2021) to 2023 (ending September 30, 2024).

If your municipality chooses to be included with the Urban County for fiscal years 2021-2023, you must notify the Broward County Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division and the HUD Area Office (listed below), directly, on or before April 15, 2020.

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Please note that your election to be included would be effective for the entire three year period for which the Urban County qualifies unless you specifically elect to be included in a succeeding year for the remainder of the Urban County's qualification period.

Participation in the process would mean that the County would be responsible for all planning activities (e.g. Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER Reports, IDIS, etc.), and the City would annually select eligible CDBG programs and activities. Election to be included requires that participants abide by the County's programmatic and implementation guidelines and procedures.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a discussion regarding working with your City for the three year time period under the Urban County Program. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss this matter further, please contact Suzanne R. Fejes, Assistant Director, at (954) 357-4912.

Sincerely,



Ralph Stone, Director
Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division

cc: Cale Curtis, City Manager, City of Margate