Communication to Housing and Community Development Partners and Interested Parties

This bulletin is intended to be an update for all agencies and organizations seeking to work with the County Division of Housing and Community Development in the provision of services to the residents of Salt Lake County. It specifically provides information about funding sources and the allocation processes to be used for the next program year which will be July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Those funds include; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), HOME (Home Investment Partnership Investment Program).

Over the last several years HCD has made efforts to tie services to outcomes. That will be no different for this years’ allocation process. Our goal is to have services that will lead to housing stability. We realize that agencies provide services along the continuum which help lead to those outcomes. The identification and collection of data demonstrating outcomes will be important to all those who continue to receive funding from HCD.

Program Grant and Loan Opportunities:

**Community Development Block Grant Hard Costs:** The Request for Applications will be released at the beginning of December 2019 with responses due the middle of January 2020. Training on the preparation of the RFA will occur about a week after the release. Questions can be sent to or discussed with Amanda Cordova at alcordova@slco.org, 385-468-4891.

**Community Development Block Grant Funds (Soft Costs) Emergency Solution Grant and Social Services Block Grant fund Significant Change as of July 2019.** These funds have been used to provide services that involve directly working with clients. Current agencies providing services through these sources of funding entered into a contract with Salt Lake County which began July 1, 2019. These services were awarded for a two-year performance period and meeting sufficient progress at time of evaluation. Language in the contract allows them to be continued for another year based on meeting contract requirements. The basic reason behind this decision is to allow providers time to track the impact that services are having on meeting the outcomes of self-sufficiency and housing stability. A one-year contract doesn't allow enough time to track those outcomes. Current providers will need to respond to a Request for Information which provides details on the performance of their contract through two quarters plus of operation (July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019). The request for information will be released in January of 2020 and be due in February of 2020. Questions can be directed to Karen Kuipers at kkuipers@slco.org, 385-468-4863.

**HOME Program funds Request for Application will be issued toward the beginning of December:** Questions can sent or discussed with Randy Jepperson at rjepperson@slco.org, 385-468-4886.