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Mr. Thomas Egan, Board Chair
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Dear Mr. Egan:

SUBJECT: End-of-Year Review
Program Year 2014
Dakota County

HUD is required to conduct an annual review of performance by grant recipients. This is to report to you the results of our review. Additionally, the Secretary must determine that the grant recipient is in compliance with the statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs for which assistance is received.

Report

This review is based upon the information we received concerning the County's 2014 program year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. We congratulate you on your many accomplishments during this past year on the achievement of Departmental Objectives. Enclosed is a report showing the County's use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during this reporting period. Some specific accomplishments during the year included:

- The County's funds were expended in a timely manner
- The County complied with the CDBG public services and administration expenditure limits
- At least 99.10% of funds were spent for programs serving low and moderate-income persons
- CDBG funds were used to provide housing counseling services to at least 267 households
- The City increased the accessibility of public services to at least 2828 youth, seniors and homeless persons

Background Information

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development has sought to establish partnerships with State and local governments. The focus of our partnership has been to work with communities to ensure that our joint efforts result in housing and community development programs and policies that benefit and serve low and moderate-income persons. These efforts occur within the framework of the statutes we administer and the regulations and policies that are designed to improve program performance.

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The provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, require the annual submission of performance reports by grant recipients receiving federal assistance through programs covered under these Acts. Additionally, these Acts require that a determination be made by the Secretary, that the grant recipient is in compliance with the statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs for which assistance is received.

With the implementation of the Consolidated Planning Regulations of January 5, 1995, the Department began making comprehensive performance reviews of grantee's overall progress at least annually, as required by the statutes and section 91.525 of the regulations. The review consists of analyzing the consolidated planning process; reviewing management of funds; determining the progress made in carrying out policies and programs; determining the compliance of funded activities with statutory and regulatory requirements; determining the accuracy of required performance reports; as well as evaluating accomplishments in meeting key Departmental objectives.

This assessment not only meets the mandates of the statutes, but it also provides a basis for working together collaboratively to help grantee's achieve housing and community development goals. One critical outcome of this collaboration should be the development of a more comprehensive, effective, and concise Consolidated Plan and improved performance in achieving specific goals that correspond to the activities outlined in your forthcoming Action Plan.

Public Access

This Report must be made readily available to the public within 30 days of receipt of your comments. There are several ways the report can be made available to the public. You can assist us in this regard by sharing HUD's report with the media; with members of your advisory committee; or with those who attended hearings or meetings, placing it on your web site or distributing it through a Listserv. HUD will make this information available to the public upon request and may provide copies of future reports to interested citizens and groups.

Conclusion

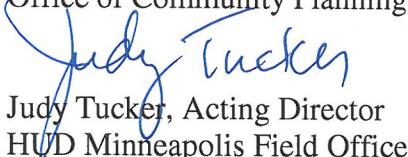
As a result of our analysis, we have determined that your overall progress is satisfactory and that the County has the continuing capacity to implement these programs.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact Precious Brannon, CPD Representative, by phone at (612) 843-6460, or by email at Precious.Brannon@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



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Program Year 2014 Funds

2014 CDBG Allocation	\$1,680,113.00
Program Income Received During Program Year 2014	\$638,746.78
Funds Returned to Local Program Account	\$0.00
During Program Year 2014	
Total Available¹	\$2,318,859.78

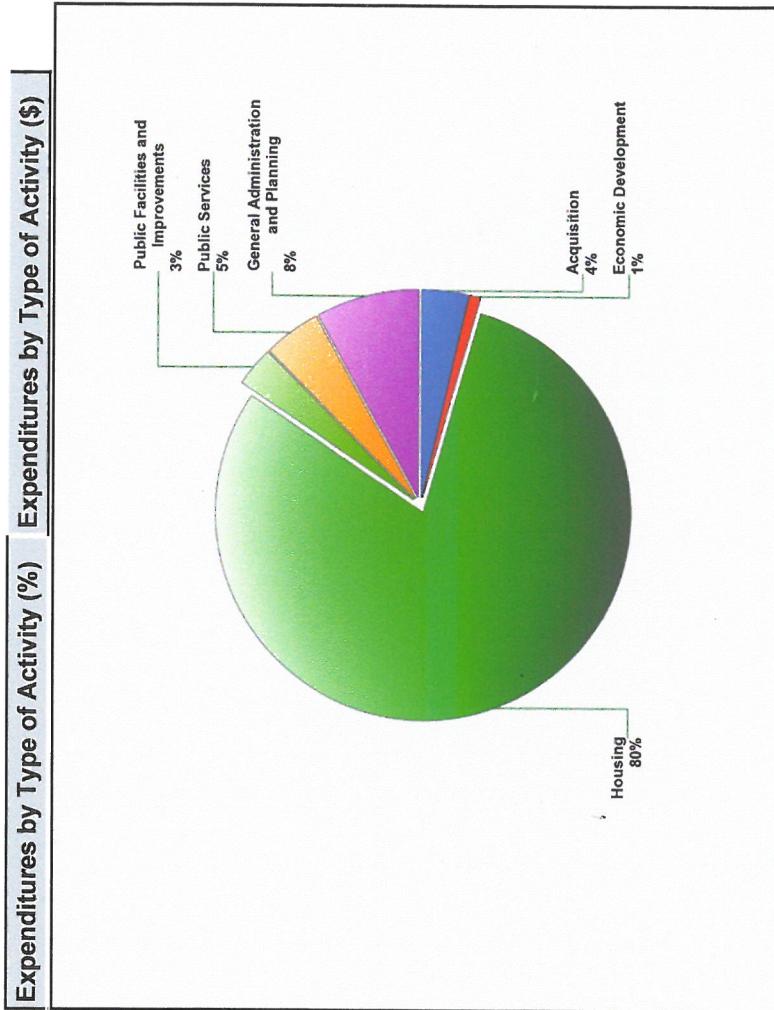
Expenditures²

Type of Activity	Expenditure	Percentage
Acquisition	\$79,004.40	3.55%
Economic Development	\$19,419.28	0.87%
Housing	\$1,781,423.97	80.08%
Public Facilities and Improvements	\$64,334.62	2.89%
Public Services	\$101,112.17	4.55%
General Administration and Planning	\$179,124.59	8.05%
Total	\$2,224,419.03	100.00%

Timeliness

Timeliness Ratio - unexpended funds as percent of
2014 allocation

1.29





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Program Targeting

1 -Percentage of Expenditures Assisting Low-
and Moderate-Income Persons and Households
Either Directly or On an Area Basis³

93.40%

2 -Percentage of Expenditures That Benefit
Low/Mod Income Areas

1.71%

3 -Percentage of Expenditures That Aid in The
Prevention or Elimination of Slum or Blight

6.60%

4 -Percentage of Expenditures Addressing
Urgent Needs

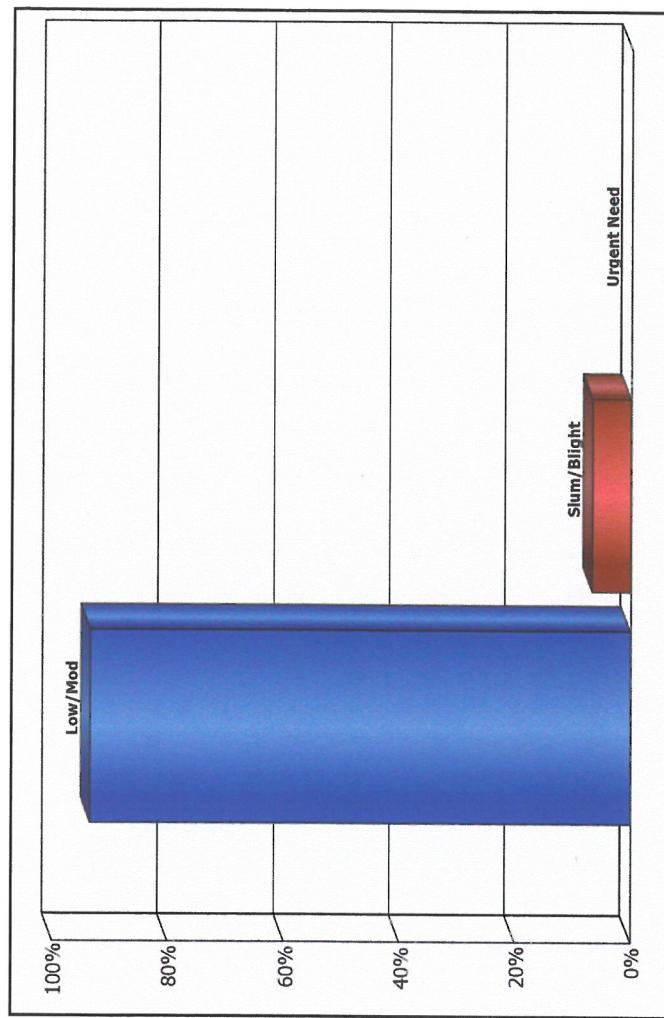
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5 -Funds Expended in Neighborhood
(Community For State) Revitalization Strategy
Areas and by Community Development
Financial Institution.

\$0.00

6 -Percentage of Funds Expended in
Neighborhood (Community For State)
Revitalization Strategy Areas and by Community
Development Financial Institution

0.00%





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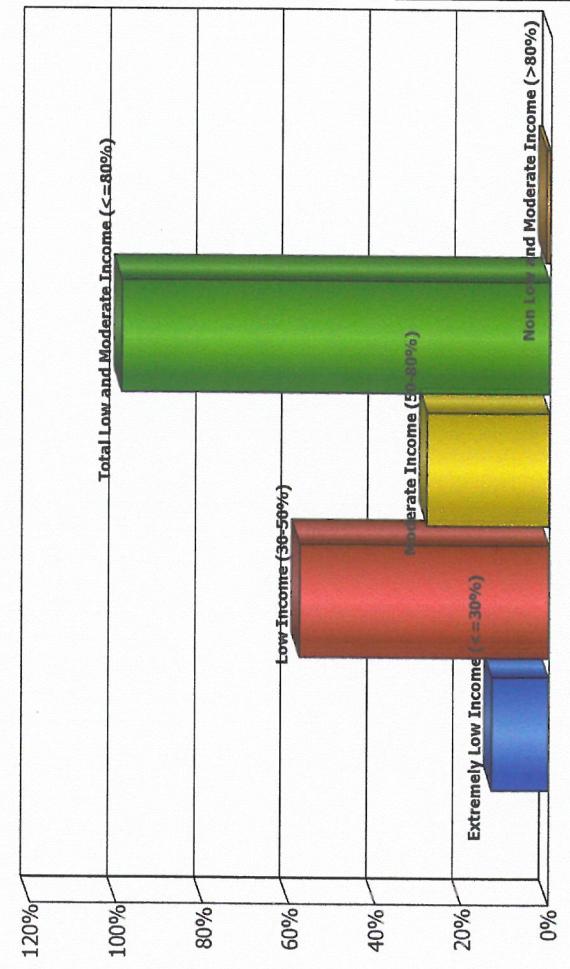
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CDBG Beneficiaries by Racial/Ethnic Category⁴

Race	Total	Hispanic
White	86.54%	54.09%
Black/African American	6.45%	1.82%
Asian	1.98%	0.00%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.47%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.03%	0.00%
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0.15%	0.00%
Asian & White	0.24%	0.00%
Black/African American & White	1.27%	0.00%
Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African Amer.	0.04%	0.00%
Other multi-racial	2.83%	44.09%
Asian/Pacific Islander (valid until 03-31-04)	0.00%	0.00%
Hispanic (valid until 03-31-04)	0.00%	0.00%

Income of CDBG Beneficiaries

Income Level	Percentage
Extremely Low Income (<=30%)	13.11%
Low Income (30-50%)	57.77%
Moderate Income (50-80%)	28.23%
Total Low and Moderate Income (<=80%)	99.10%
Non Low and Moderate Income (>80%)	0.90%





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Accomplishment	Number
Actual Jobs Created or Retained	0
Households Receiving Housing Assistance	300
Persons Assisted Directly, Primarily By Public Services and Public Facilities	7,204
Persons for Whom Services and Facilities were Available	197 ^s
Units Rehabilitated-Single Units	155
Units Rehabilitated-Multi Unit Housing	131

Funds Leveraged for Activities Completed \$2,088,397.27

Notes

- 1 Also, additional funds may have been available from prior years.
- 2 The return of grant funds is not reflected in these expenditures.
- 3 Derived by dividing annual expenditures for low-and moderate-income activities by the total expenditures for all activities (excluding planning and administration, except when State planning activities have a national objective) during the program year.
- 4 For entitlement communities, these data are only for those activities that directly benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households. They do not include data for activities that provide assistance to low- and moderate-income persons on an area basis, activities that aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight, and activities that address urgent needs. For states, these data are reported for all activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households, aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight, and address urgent needs.
- 5 This number represents the total number of persons/households for whom services/facilities were available for [in many cases] multiple area benefit activities as reported by grantees. A service or facility meeting the national objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons on an area basis is available to all residents of the area served by the activity. If one or more activities had the same or overlapping service areas, the number of persons served by each activity was used to calculate the total number served; e.g., if two activities providing different services had the same service area, the number of persons in the service area would be counted twice; once for each activity.