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Dear Mayor Matthews:

Congratulations! I am very pleased to inform you that the City of Arcata's application for HUD's first Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) competition has been selected for grant award. The competition was oversubscribed and extremely competitive. Your application demonstrated an excellent approach toward removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Your award amount is \$1,000,000.00.

As a next step, the Department will be hosting a conference call with all award recipients to provide an overview of the grant agreement execution process, orient you to access the grants management system, the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system, and discuss requirements necessary to draw your award funds. Within the next few days, an email invitation and registration for this conference call will be sent to the Grants.gov authorized organizational representative.

A few key points:

- Once the grant agreement is transmitted, you will have **ten business days** to review and return your signed grant agreement to the Department. Because we are providing less than the full amount you requested, you are able to revise the scope of work under your grant (as contemplated in your application).
- Later this summer, the Department will issue a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for \$100 million under a second round of PRO Housing. You will be eligible to apply under that NOFO notwithstanding receipt of funding under this first round.

- You and all other first-round PRO Housing winners will be invited to participate in a technical assistance initiative creating a peer forum for frank exchange of successes and challenges and general support as you implement the grant. I hope you will participate and find this helpful.

Thank you for applying to the PRO Housing competition. We look forward to working with you and your community on your proposed activities to remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Please email CDBG-PROhousing@hud.gov with any questions or concerns. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,



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for Community Planning and Development