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August 19, 2008

Jeff Britz
City of Lemoore
119 Fox Street.
Lemoore, Ca 93245
Re: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Dear Mr. Britz:

The Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care ("CoC") on Homelessness, in collaboration with local jurisdictions, is working toward drafting a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. This directive from HUD requires extensive planning. As such, the City of Visalia has provided \$5,000 of CDBG¹ funding toward the completion of a regional Kings/Tulare plan, and the CoC anticipates that the plan will cost approximately \$50,000, so we are hopeful that all the jurisdictions that are positively impacted by the successful completion and implementation of the plan, will partner to assist in funding the plan. The K/T CoC would like to request \$5,000 of funding from the City of Lemoore

In 2008, there were 1,040 homeless individuals surveyed in the annual Point In Time census for Tulare and Kings Counties. This number includes 300 homeless children. The goals of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness ("Plan") include:

1. Develop a strategy for addressing gaps in existing housing and services for the homeless
2. Create a comprehensive strategy developed through feedback from all jurisdictions, non-profit service and housing providers, clients, and other relevant stakeholders in the community.
3. Educate the community and stakeholders about the 10-year plan, to ensure successful implementation and progress toward reducing the number of homeless individuals and families in Kings/Tulare Counties.
4. Demonstrate to HUD that the Kings/Tulare region has collaborated to develop and implement the Plan, therefore making our region more competitive for funding and more efficient at addressing homeless issues.

We look forward to working with you on the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. I invite you to designate a staff person, to participate with the 10-year planning committee. This committee will select the consultant to prepare the plan, provide information and feedback throughout the plan preparation process, and support the presentation of the final plan to the community. This effort will only be successful with active participation and support from local elected officials and staff, who will be invited to participate in a series of community meetings and review/comment opportunities.

Please contact me at (559) 684-4254 or bmcgovern@ci.tulare.ca.us if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Betsy McGovern,
President of External Affairs, Kings/Tulare CoC

¹ The 10-year plan is eligible expense for CDBG funds under 570.205 Eligible planning, urban environmental design and policy-planning-management-capacity building activities