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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

April 2, 2020

Mr. Greg Veliz  
City Manager, City of Key West  
1300 White Street  
Key West, FL 33040-4854

Dear Mr. Veliz:

I am pleased to inform you of your Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) supplemental award in the amount of \$159,460. This one-time, non-renewable award is provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) (Pub. L. No. 116-136), which was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The supplemental funds provided under the CARES Act are to be used by HOPWA grantees as additional funding to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions, in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

This supplemental award may be used to reimburse allowable costs incurred prior to the receipt of your supplemental award provided such costs were used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. Activities for which grantees may use the supplemental grant funds include, for example:

- assisting HOPWA eligible households in accessing essential services and supplies such as food, water, medications, medical care, and information;
- educating assisted households on ways to reduce the risk of getting sick or spreading infectious diseases such as COVID-19 to others;
- providing transportation services for eligible households, including costs for privately-owned vehicle transportation when needed, to access medical care, supplies, and food or to commute to places of employment;
- providing nutrition services for eligible households in the form of food banks, groceries, and meal deliveries;
- providing lodging at hotels, motels, or other locations to quarantine HOPWA-eligible persons or their household members; and
- providing short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance payments to prevent homelessness of a tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling for a period of up to 24 months.

Please note that competitive grantees are not required to use the supplemental grant funds on permanent supportive housing but may use their awards on any HOPWA eligible activities that address the needs of their communities related to coronavirus prevention, preparedness, and response.

In addition, the Office of Community Planning and Development has provided certain regulatory waivers to offer additional flexibility to program participants to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by the virus. Grantees should consult the [“Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development \(CPD\) Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19” memorandum](#) for more information on the availability of waivers related to COVID-19.

A new grant agreement for this award will be issued through your local HUD field office. Within fourteen (14) days of executing their grant agreements with HUD, grantees will also be expected to execute new project sponsor agreements addressing how the supplemental funding will be used. Further guidance pertaining to the administration of the supplemental award, including eligible uses of the grant funding and reporting requirements, is forthcoming. The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you as you implement critical actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 in your community. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Harcrow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rita Harcrow  
Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing  
for Community Planning and Development