



May 28, 2024

Todd Hileman, City Manager
City of Palm Desert
73510 Fred Waring Drive.
Palm Desert, CA 92260

**SUBJECT: Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement
For Urban County Qualification 2025-2026 and 2026-2027
Community Development Block Grant Program**

Dear Mr. Hileman:

This letter serves to confirm the City of Palm Desert's election to participate in the County of Riverside's Community Development Block Grant program for Federal Fiscal Years 2025, and 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027) as a Metropolitan City.

During the two-year period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, Palm Desert will not be allowed to withdraw from the County's urban program. Any unincorporated portion of the County that incorporates, or is annexed, during the qualification period will remain a part of the urban county through the end of the period.

Execution of the *Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement* and adoption of the resolution allows the City of Palm Desert to participate in the County's CDBG program. Consequently, the City is ineligible to apply for grants under HUD's Small Cities (State CDBG) programs. However, the City can pursue funding through the State's HOME and ESG programs during this three year period.

The Cooperation Agreement complies with current HUD requirements and cannot be altered or modified. In addition, your City Council must adopt a resolution confirming participation in the County's program. We have enclosed a sample resolution; please incorporate all of the text contained in the sample into your City's resolution format.

Please return the following documents to HWS, no later than **June 24, 2024**:

- Executed Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement (3-originals);
- Resolution adopted by City Council confirming participation in the Urban County program; and
- Copy of the City Council minute order approving the Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement.

Your assistance in meeting the required deadline of **July 28, 2023**, is critical, as there will be no allowable extension beyond this date. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (951) 955-5933 or by email SOrozoco@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Susana Orozco
CDBG/ESG Programs

Enclosures: Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement (3 copies), and Resolution