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Subject: RE: Welcome-FY2024 EDI Community Project Funding (CPF) Grantee for: B-24-CP-TX-2085

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Good afternoon all:

Received.



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Dear FY2024 Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding Grant Recipient:

Congratulations on your U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2024 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) - Community Project Funding (CPF) grant! For our returning grantees, we look forward to continuing to work with you for your FY24 CPF grant. For new grantees, we look forward to on-boarding you and your team for the next steps and what you will need to know. HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), Office of Economic Development – Congressional Grants Division is excited to work with you throughout your project.

Our office will be sending you a series of "on-boarding" next documents and sharing opportunities to participate in to get you prepared for the next steps in processing your funding award, sharing resources for your to submit your required grant materials, sharing processing steps and timing so that you can plan on when your funds will be available to you for reimbursement of eligible expenses.

Here are actions you can take now to ensure you have all the resources you will need:

- 1. **Respond to Email and Forward Email:** Please respond to this email with "received" so we can ensure we have made the initial contact with you and please forward this email to others on your staff that may be engaged with this grant.
- 2. **Grant Number:** Record your grant number from the subject line of this email and use it when communicating with HUD about your project, State Highway 359 Colonias Street Improvements Project. Webb County, Texas, and with your organization, Webb County, awarded for \$500,000.
- 3. **HUD.gov CPF Website (Link):** Bookmark and review the information on the HUD.gov Community Project Funding (CPF) website and specifically the CPF FY24 pages.
- 4. **HUDExchange CPF Website (Link):** Bookmark and review the information on the HUDExchange.gov Community Project Funding (CPF) website and specifically the CPF FY24 pages (note that this page will be updated to include many of the items that are being finalized for you to review and use).
- 5. **HUD EDI-CPF ListServ** (Link): Sign up for the HUDExchange EDI-CPF ListServ to stay abreast of additions to the HUDExchange CPF website, receive invitations to webinars and trainings, and get general updates about CPF grants.
- 6. **HUD CPF Grant Contacts (Link):** Review your assigned contacts for your specific grant including your Grant Officer, Systems Officer, and Regional Environmental Officer. You will hear more about each of their roles during the on-boarding webinar in our guidance documents and resources.
- 7. **CPF "Ask-A-Question" Help Desk (Link):** If you have questions, please use the HUDExchange CPF "Ask-A-Question" Help Desk. We have a team trained to answer your questions during this on-boarding process and throughout the life of your grant. Expect a response within 3 business days to your questions.
- 8. **Build America, Buy America (BABA) Resources (Link):** CPF FY24 grantees are encouraged to carefully review the BABA resources and training materials on the HUDExchange CPF Website before proceeding with any construction on your CPF grant.
- 9. **Environmental Review:** CPF FY24 grantees are encouraged to carefully review the Environnmental Review resources and training materials on the HUDExchange CPF Website before proceeding with any construction on your CPF grant.
- 10. **Welcome Webinar:** Mark your calendars and when emailed, accept the invite to join the "CPF FY24 Grantees Welcome" webinar. If unable to attend listen to the recording after the event recording is sent to grantees.

Also, please note that HUD will host a series of webinars and "office hours" to guide you through a review of the CPF requirements and to support you through the grant award process and beyond. We will host a "CPF FY24 Grantees Welcome" webinar that will be recorded and

shared with grantees who are unable to attend the live webinar. Here is the information about the upcoming webinar. We will also send you a separate email with the calendar invite.

• Please look for the "FY2024 CPF Grantees Welcome Message" that will arrive in your mailbox on May 10, 2024. This message will provide additional information and resources that you may use to prepare for receipt of your CPF grant Letter of Invitation, Grant Guide and related materials.

HUD realizes how hard you have worked within your community and with your congressional sponsor for this grant to get this award included in the FY2024 appropriation. Please know that HUD is equally committed to working with you to get the required materials submitted and to get your grant set up so that you can begin to access your award to fund your project activities. Again, congratulations on being selected as an FY2024 EDI CPF grantee. We look forward to working with you on this important project!

Sincerely,

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