



SARASOTA COUNTY

"Dedicated to Quality Service"

April 20, 2022

Mr. A. Jerome Fletcher, II
City Manager
City of North Port
4970 City Hall Blvd.
North Port, FL 34286

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Sarasota County is an entitlement community under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. As an entitlement community, it receives a formula allocation each year from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding is only awarded for the benefit of the residents living in the unincorporated portion of the county unless a municipality agrees to participate in the county program. When this occurs, the county's allocation is increased to reflect the participation of the incorporated municipality.

The City of North Port and Sarasota County entered into an Interlocal Agreement in July 1995 to allow the county to apply for and receive CDBG entitlement funds on behalf of the City of North Port. Because of this Interlocal Agreement, Sarasota County has been able to fund CDBG, HOME Partnership Initiatives (HOME), Disaster Relief, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) activities within your jurisdiction. In addition to funding for social service attendants, numerous single-family home rehabilitation projects, sidewalk construction, improvements at the Garden of the Five Senses, Kirk Park Playground improvements, and Jeffrey Avenue Seawall construction, the Office of Housing and Community Development is working with your staff on Appomattox sidewalk construction and additional improvements at the Garden of Five Senses. There have been multiple new homes constructed in the North Port area by Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota, Inc. which are funded through these allocations.

Inclusion in the Urban County Qualification will automatically renew for an additional three years unless your jurisdiction formally notifies the county and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that you wish to terminate the agreement. If you wish to terminate the agreement, you will need to send letters to HUD and to me, no later than June 17, 2022. The letters should be addressed to:

Jonathan R. Lewis
County Administrator
Sarasota County
1660 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34236

Thomas Bilodeau
U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev.
400 West Bay Street
Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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If you choose to stay with the county program, the Interlocal Agreement will renew for an additional three years. Attached is an Interlocal Agreement which needs to be approved by the North Port Commission and signed by the chair. Should you terminate this agreement, the termination would be effective at the end of the current qualification period, which is September 30, 2022.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me or the General Manager of the Office of Housing and Community Development, Cindy Emshoff, at 941-951-3605.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan R. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jonathan R. Lewis, ICMA-CM
County Administrator

Attachment

c: Brad E. Johnson, Assistant County Administrator
Julie Bellia, Assistant City Manager
Jason Yarborough, Assistant City Manager
Matthew R. Osterhoudt, Director, Planning and Development Services
Cindy Emshoff, General Manager, Office of Housing and Community Development