



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Administration
OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

February 11, 2015

Mr. James Diossa, Mayor
Central Falls Town Hall
580 Broad Street
Central Falls, RI 02863

Dear Mayor Diossa:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the City of Central Falls has been preliminarily selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$550,728 from the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Priority, this year, has been given to activities designed to improve or increase the supply of housing available to low and moderate income families. Among the excellent programs supported this year are development of affordable housing opportunities; job training/development programs assisting low-moderate income persons and various public facilities, social and community services agencies.

Approximately \$5.6 million is being awarded to 26 Rhode Island communities. The number and quality of applications received is indicative of the commitment Rhode Island cities and towns have to provide decent housing, expand economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods.

Specifically, the City of Central Falls is being awarded a grant of \$550,7285 for the following activities:

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Recommendation, BHRI/CHF/Other, Rec'15\*\*\*. Rows include PCDC/REACH Inc., Home Repair Program, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center\*, Mental Health Assoc. of RI/Outreach, Mental Health Assoc. of RI/First Step, Riverwood Mental Health Services, and Administration.

\*Denotes support of a regional activity through the municipality. The community's subcontract agreement should note that funds provided are to support a continuity of service for the entire region/service area.

\*\*Denotes an activity which has received a CDBG award through the (setaside) separate application process, coordinated with other State/federal resources.

\*\*\*Due to the cap on public services funding, \$85,347 of your award has been recommended for 2015.

Communities should begin the environmental review process for funded activities. A copy of the environmental review checklist is enclosed with this letter. The state will generally not execute final agreements until local responsibilities relative to environmental review have been undertaken. The final grant award is subject to specific conditions/limitations to be detailed in the community contract agreement and/or communications from the Office of Housing and Community Development.

I wish you every success with your community development projects.

You may contact Melanie Jewett Army, AICP, Supervisor of Community Development, at 401-222-6183 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Tondra".

Michael Tondra  
Chief  
Office of Housing and Community Development

Enclosure