ATTACHMENT A

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development

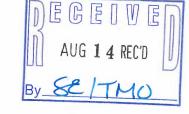
Region VIII, Denver 1670 Broadway Street Denver, Colorado 80202-4801

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David L. Corliss, Town Manager Town of Castle Rock 100 N. Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104



Dear Mr. Corliss:

The Town of Castle Rock has the sufficient population to meet the definition of a Metropolitan City under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This means that Castle Rock is entitled to an annual formula allocation of CDBG funds in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and in each subsequent year. We estimate that the Town's FY 2020 CDBG allocation would be approximately \$222,000. A difference in the amount appropriated by Congress for 2020 and other changes that affect the formula distribution of funds will cause the final amount to differ from this estimate. In recent years, final formula amounts have become available in late March.

The Town of Castle Rock must provide a written confirmation to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Region VIII Office of Community Planning and Development no later than September 23, 2019 of its intent to accept or defer its entitlement status.

Should Castle Rock elect to receive these CDBG funds, the Town must follow a citizen participation plan and prepare a Consolidated Plan (Plan) that includes a housing and homeless needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan, action plan and certifications. The Plan must be submitted to this office between November 15, 2019 and August 16, 2020.

Please be advised that CDBG Program rules (24 CFR § 570.200(h)) permit a new CDBG formula grant recipient to receive reimbursement of costs necessary to develop its Consolidated Plan and undertake other administrative actions necessary to receive its first grant. Such costs may be reimbursed from Castle Rock's initial grant, provided that Congress appropriates funds for FY2020, that the Town completes an acceptable and timely Consolidated Plan, and that the costs meet other applicable requirements.

Douglas County was previously an Urban County in the CDBG program. As such, there may be ongoing projects or financial commitments in Castle Rock funded through Douglas County. The CDBG regulations at 24 CFR §570.510 provide the process for a smooth transition of unobligated grant funds and projects from Douglas County to the Town of Castle Rock. Castle Rock must execute a legally binding agreement with Douglas County resolving any outstanding commitments. In addition, should Douglas County decide to requalify as an urban county, Castle Rock would have two other options: defer its status and become participating units of general

local government in the county's CDBG program or accept its status and enter into a joint agreement with Douglas County.

Please contact Mr. Phillip McKeough, CPD Program Manager, at (303) 672-5064 or email at <u>Phillip.E.McKeough@hud.gov</u> if you have any additional questions or concerns. We look forward to building an effective partnership with the Town of Castle Rock.

Sincerely,

Katy Burke **Regional Director**

cc: Evelyn Lim, Regional Administrator

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