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**TO: REGIONAL CENTER DIRECTORS
REGIONAL CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES/RESOURCE
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DIRECTORS OF NON-PROFIT HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

This is to notify you that the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a potential source of funding for affordable housing projects for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The CDBG program was created to provide resources for communities to address a wide range of unique development needs. The program "works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses."¹ Eligible activities include housing, infrastructure, community facilities, economic development, planning studies, and public services.

California's larger cities and counties receive federal CDBG program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. Distribution of these funds is based on the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan, the document submitted to HUD for approval that controls how federal housing funds will be used to expand affordable housing.

For cities with populations less than 50,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is responsible for providing CDBG funds through several allocations. HCD publishes "Notices of Funding Availability" for each allocation as the funds become available.

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Retrieved February 21, 2007, from www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm

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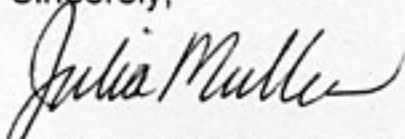
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For specific information about the CDBG program in your area, please contact local city or county "community development" and "housing" departments.

For general information about the program, please visit the HUD website (www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm). In addition, the HCD website (www.hcd.ca.gov) contains information about the program's administration for California's smaller local governments.

Please share this information with potential applicants, such as local public agencies, non-profit and for-profit housing developers, and service providers. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne McCuiston Tucker of the Department of Developmental Services' Services and Supports Section at (916) 654-1571.

Sincerely,



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