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## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

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Lew C. Bauman County Administrative Officer Monterey County 168 West Alisal Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Salinas, CA 93901-2680

Dear Dr. Bauman:

SUBJECT: Notification of Urban County Status for Participation in the Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2013-2015

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) Division is pleased to inform you that Monterey County has qualified for entitlement status as an urban county for participation in the CDBG entitlement program for FYs 2013-2015. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

In order to receive an CDBG grant in FY 2013, the County must have an approved consolidated plan. Submission of the plan may occur no earlier than November 15, 2012 and no later than August 16, 2013 and it must meet all requirements of 24 CFR Part 91, including all required certifications. For your reference, we have enclosed the Consolidated Plan regulations and the CDBG regulations. There are also several consolidated planning resources available online at http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/index.cfm.

Jason Whitehead, CPD Representative, has been assigned to be the main contact person for the County for all CDBG programmatic issues. He can be reached at (415) 489-6584 or jason.r.whitehead@hud.gov. We look forward to working with the County to achieve local community development goals and objectives.

Sincerely,

Maria Cremer

Director

Community Planning

and Development Division

cc: Jim Cook, Director of Economic Development

Jane Barr, Housing Program Manager