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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Miro Weinberger and City Council
FROM: Marcy Esbjerg, Assistant Director for Community, Housing and Opportunity Programs
DATE: September 16, 2015
RE: Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report

The enclosed Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes what was accomplished with expenditures of \$863,244 during the past fiscal year of federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act and Lead Hazard Reduction programs (\$78,785) as well as Burlington Housing Trust Fund (\$230,250) monies. Appendix A contains the community indicators used to measure progress with our anti-poverty initiatives. HUD-specific reports are not included, but are available upon request.

The Council authorized submission of the annual Action Plan on May 12, 2014 for program year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The CAPER reports on the accomplishments during those months. The report is due to HUD ninety days after the program year is complete.

There will be a Public Hearing on this Report at your meeting on September 21, 2015. The Report has been posted online for public review and comment. Highlights of the Report are described below:

The City's highest priority under its Consolidated Plan is affordable housing. Highlights include:

- The Burlington Lead Program performed Lead Hazard Control activities on 40 housing units, trained 115 individuals on the VT Essential Maintenance Practices Lead Law (EMP), trained 12 YouthBuild members on the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP), and conducted 45 Outreach and Education events that reached over 5,980 individuals.
- Home sharing and home-based senior services helped 419 residents remain housed and living independently.

- ReSource Youthbuild Program weatherized 3 units of low income housing while training 18 students to gain marketable skills in construction and weatherization.
- Twelve co-operative rental units received needed repairs and their long-term affordability was maintained.
- Progress was made toward the goals of preserving the affordability of 70 affordable units and assessing their capital improvements.
- Plans have been finalized and the groundbreaking for the construction of 40 new units on Bright Street.

Economic opportunity is the City's next overall priority. Highlights include:

- CEDO provided technical assistance to 49 current or potential entrepreneurs, including finding commercial space, help with permitting or market research. Three new businesses were created and 4 businesses expanded.
- CEDO provided direct assistance to City Market regarding their expansion to the South End. With the new owner of the Burlington Town Center, staff was involved in the public process to gain community input on future development. Collaboration with the Church Street Marketplace to bring Wi-Fi to the Marketplace. Direct assistance with the Intervale Center and Gardener's Supply Company to lease land for more parking. Created/retained 2 new jobs.
- CEDO partnered with DPW and Burlington's Business Association on parking policy and the parking system with new technology installed and rates and enforcement times changed to enhance downtown vitality.
- The Women's Small Business Program assisted 25 women with training and technical assistance. Six new businesses started and 5 businesses expanded.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program served over 1,100 persons with tax assistance, 100% saved money by not having to pay for tax help, and 88% received refunds.

A suitable living environment is the City's third priority. Highlights include:

- CDBG-funded agencies provided shelter and services to almost 1,300 homeless residents, meals for 92 low income children in child care centers and dental services for 246 homeless individuals.
- The construction of Waterfront Access North continued including major renovation work on the bike path. In addition, development work is supporting the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center and the New Moran. Construction activities supported approximately 100 jobs.

This past year, CEDO managed 14 CDBG subgrants to community nonprofits, and five CDBG-funded CEDO programs.