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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Miro Weinberger and City Council
FROM: Marcy Esbjerg, Assistant Director
Noelle MacKay, Director
DATE: September 20, 2017
RE: Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report

The enclosed Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes what was accomplished with expenditures of \$1,202,173 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 (\$1.2 million)/Healthy Homes programs (\$121,841) as well as Burlington Housing Trust Fund (\$458,346) 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 6/6/16 for program year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The CAPER reports on the accomplishments during those months. The report is due to HUD ninety days after the program year is complete (9/30/2017).

There will be a Public Hearing on this Report at your meeting on September 25, 2017. The Report has been posted online at www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO for public review and comment and available at the Fletcher Free Library and CEDO in City Hall. 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 in 68 housing units, performed Healthy Home interventions in 38 housing units, trained 191 individuals on the VT Essential Maintenance Practices Lead Law (EMP), and conducted 30 Outreach and Education events that reached over 1900 individuals. Over \$1.3 million was allocated to complete the activities.

- Home sharing and home-based senior services helped 219 residents remain housed and living independently.
- ReSource Youthbuild Program weatherized 6 units of low income housing while training 18 students to gain marketable skills in construction and weatherization.
- Progress was made toward the goals of preserving the affordability of 70 affordable units and assessing their capital improvements.
- Construction of 40 new affordable units on Bright Street is complete and leased.
- Rehabilitation and preservation of 64 affordable rental units at South Meadow is complete.
- Fourteen studio and one-bedroom apartments, with a focus on the homeless and/or low income population at 95 North Avenue are complete.

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

- CEDO provided technical assistance to 33 current or potential entrepreneurs, including finding commercial space, help with permitting or market research. One new business was created and 3 businesses expanded.
- CEDO provided direct assistance to City Market regarding their expansion to the South End. Continued work on the proposed redevelopment of Burlington Town Center and outreach to local businesses on Church Street. CEDO also developed a soon to be launched Revolving Loan Fund application and program.
- The Women's Small Business Program assisted 29 women with training and technical assistance. 13 new businesses started and 15 businesses expanded.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program served 1,069 persons with tax assistance, participants received approximately \$248,326 in State Tax refunds, and over \$112,568 in Renter Rebates.
- Eighty-five percent of the children served in LUND's early childhood program are low-income and 62% achieved developmentally appropriate milestones.

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

- CDBG-funded agencies provided shelter and services to over 544 homeless residents.
- The construction of the Waterfront part of the Bikepath is complete. Development work is supporting the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, New Moran and Harbor Marina.
- Accessibility improvements for Ethan Allen Residences are complete.

This past year, CEDO managed 11 CDBG subgrants to community nonprofits, and 5 CDBG-funded CEDO programs.

This memo requests the City Council accept this communication and authorize submittal of the 2016 CAPER to the U.S Department of Housing & Urban Development.