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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Ruston, CAO *BR*
FROM: Marcy Krumbine, Assistant Director for Community Development
DATE: December 2, 2013
RE: \$12,108 Continuum of Care Planning Grant Contract

Background:

The Continuum of Care refers to both a series of programs and financial support to meet the many needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Originally authorized by Congress as the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act in 1987 and recently amended by President Obama to the Hearth (Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing) Act of 2009, HUD has required each community to come together to submit a single comprehensive Continuum of Care (CoC) application rather than allowing applications from individual providers in a community. HUD's intent in creating this structured application process was to stimulate community-wide planning and coordination of programs for individuals and families who are homeless.

The Chittenden County Homeless Alliance is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and government who support our vision of a safe, decent, affordable, stable home for every person and family in Chittenden County. For HUD purposes, the Alliance is the Chittenden County Continuum of Care.

In January of 2012, CEDO was elected by the local CoC to become the Lead Agency and submitted the comprehensive CoC application on January 18, 2013, with City Council approval.

On November, the Community and Economic Development Office received the contract from HUD for the CoC Planning Grant which is being issued to the City of Burlington for the planning and administration of the Continuum of Care. The grant begins on 12/1/2013 and expires on 11/30, 2014, thus spanning more than one fiscal year. No general funds are required for this grant. CEDO will record the match requirement within our Community Development Block Grant funds (\$3027) designated for Marcy Krumbine's salary and with Housing Trust Fund dollars (\$2050) for a total match of \$5,077. The source of match dollars include stable, recurring revenue sources from an entitlement grant (CDBG is an annual grant) and Housing Trust Funds (a tax revenue source).