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May 23, 2017

The Honorable John Ernst
Mayor, City of Brookhaven
4362 Peachtree Road
Brookhaven, GA 30319

Dear Mayor Davis:

The DeKalb County Community Development Department is in the process of re-qualifying for entitlement status as an Urban County Community Development Block Grant and Home Partnership Grant participant for fiscal years 2018-2020, in accordance with the provisions of Title I, Section 102 (2) (6)(A) of the Housing and Community Development Act for 1974 and the amendments thereto. The City of Brookhaven is invited to renew its status as a participant for FY 2018-2020.

The City's current Cooperation Agreement with DeKalb County has no specified end date and your Agreement will automatically be renewed for three years. However, HUD requires that each municipality executes the attached Cooperation Agreement Notification of Intent with the County to indicate their intent to renew or cancel the Agreement at the end of the current qualification period.

Should the City of Brookhaven decide to renew or cancel, your City Council will be required to authorize the execution of the enclosed Cooperation Agreement Intent Notification between the City of Brookhaven and the County. **The signed original must be mailed and received by DeKalb County Community Development no later than June 7, 2017.** To facilitate your reply we have provided a stamped addressed envelope.

As a reminder, through the Cooperative Agreement, your City will waive its individual entitlement to CDBG and HOME funds. The County will have the final responsibility for selecting activities and annually filing CDBG and HOME grant applications with HUD. Additionally, you will not be eligible to apply for grants under the Small Cities, State CDBG programs or enter into a consortium agreement with any other local entity for funding for the duration of the Agreement. DeKalb County, will however give proper consideration to your request of essential community development needs and proposed activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, (1) acquisition of property for disposition especially for low- and moderate -income housing, (2) direct rehabilitation of or financial assistance to housing, and (3) low rent housing activities (condemnation of property for low income housing-community).

We welcome your participation and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Allen Mitchell, Director of Community Development at (404) 371-2727.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Thurmond, CEO
DeKalb County Government

Attachment

cc: Allen Mitchell, Director, Community Development Department

**DeKalb County 2018-2020 CDBG and HOME Cooperation Agreement
Notification of Intent for Participating Municipalities**

Municipality: City of Brookhaven, Georgia

Date: _____

YES, the incorporated area of the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, Georgia elects to be included as part of the Urban County designation for DeKalb County for the three-year period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. My signature confirms my understanding that the existing Cooperation Agreement that expires December 31, 2017 will automatically be renewed for the next three-year period and will allow the city to apply for CDBG and HOME funding through DeKalb County.

John Ernst, Mayor
City of Brookhaven

NO, the incorporated area of the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, Georgia does not elect to be included as part of the Urban County designation for DeKalb County for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and will apply for grant funding through the Small Cities, State CDBG and HOME Programs or enter into a consortium agreement with other local entities. My signature confirms my understanding that the existing Cooperation Agreement will terminate effective December 31, 2017.

John Ernst, Mayor
City of Brookhaven

***Please use the enclosed envelop to return this original document to DeKalb County
Community Development Department; no later than Wednesday, June 7, 2017.***