June 25, 2019

Dear Mayor or County Commissioner:

Over the next five years, the Idaho Department of Commerce (Commerce) anticipates receiving nearly $35 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. Commerce is in the process of developing a five-year consolidated plan on how to target these funds. The funds are eligible for Idaho cities and counties to construct public facilities and infrastructure that - serve a community that is at least 51% low-to-moderate income; eliminate blight conditions; or repair infrastructure damaged by a disaster. CDBG funds can also be used to expand public services that serve primarily low-to-moderate income residents.

Your completion of this survey (the following three pages) will help Commerce facilitate the planning and guidance of the 2020-24 CDBG Consolidated Plan.

Please return the survey in the self-addressed stamped envelope by **July 22nd.** If you have any questions, please contact CDBG Manager, Dennis Porter at (208) 287-0782.

I (we) represent City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - or - County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following is the current CDBG funding set-asides. Please indicate (circle) the level of need for each set-aside for your City or County on a scale of 1 = (Low) to 5 = (High).

**Level of Need**

**CDBG funding Set Asides**  **Low High**

* Public Facility and Infrastructure

(i.e.-sewer, water, fire stations, health care facilities) 1 2 3 4 5

* Economic Development
* Job Creation (infrastructure improvements that allow for

business job creation) 1 2 3 4 5

* Downtown Revitalization (i.e. – sidewalk accessibility (ADA)

improvements, storm water drainage, parking facilities, lighting) 1 2 3 4 5

* Senior Centers, Community Centers and Public Parks 1 2 3 4 5
* Post-Disaster (repair public infrastructure damaged from

a natural catastrophe such as flood or fire) 1 2 3 4 5

The following is a list of systems, facilities or activities that can be funded from CDBG funds. Please indicate (circle) the level of need for your City or County on a scale of 1 = (Low) to 5 = (High).

**Level of Need**

1. **Public Facilities Improvements (rehab or new construction) Low High**
2. Health facilities (hospitals, medical clinics) 1 2 3 4 5
3. Fire and/or EMT stations 1 2 3 4 5
4. Acquisition of fire trucks/engines 1 2 3 4 5
5. Senior centers 1 2 3 4 5
6. Community centers 1 2 3 4 5
7. Homeless shelters 1 2 3 4 5
8. Child care centers 1 2 3 4 5
9. Parks and/or recreation facilities 1 2 3 4 5
10. Youth centers 1 2 3 4 5
11. Non-residential historic preservation 1 2 3 4 5
12. **Economic Development Low High**
13. Public infrastructure improvement for business expansion 1 2 3 4 5
14. Downtown revitalization 1 2 3 4 5
15. Business loans 1 2 3 4 5
16. **Public Infrastructure Improvements (rehab or new construction) Low High**
17. Water systems 1 2 3 4 5
18. Sewer systems 1 2 3 4 5
19. Streets 1 2 3 4 5
20. Sidewalks 1 2 3 4 5
21. Solid waste disposal 1 2 3 4 5
22. Surface and storm water drainage 1 2 3 4 5
23. Public parking facilities 1 2 3 4 5
24. **Blighted Public Property Low High**
25. Cleanup of contaminated sites (Brownfield) 1 2 3 4 5
26. Clearance and demolition 1 2 3 4 5
27. **Housing related activities Low High**
28. Water/sewer hookups (low to moderate income only) 1 2 3 4 5
29. Public infrastructure expansion that serves affordable

housing units 1 2 3 4 5

1. Acquisition of property to construct affordable housing

units. 1 2 3 4 5

1. Acquisition and/or rehab of existing rental housing 1 2 3 4 5
2. Subordinated loans for homeownership 1 2 3 4 5
3. **Planning, Studies and Capacity Building** **Low High**
4. Facility Plan for water or wastewater systems 1 2 3 4 5
5. Comprehensive plan (land use) 1 2 3 4 5
6. Environmental studies 1 2 3 4 5
7. Economic development plan 1 2 3 4 5
8. Energy conservation plan 1 2 3 4 5
9. **Public Services** **Low High**
10. Senior services 1 2 3 4 5
11. Youth services 1 2 3 4 5
12. Child care services 1 2 3 4 5
13. Transportation services 1 2 3 4 5
14. Substance abuse services 1 2 3 4 5
15. Crime awareness 1 2 3 4 5
16. Fair Housing activities 1 2 3 4 5

**For the next question, keep in mind there is $8,000,000 in CDBG funds available on an annual basis.**

1) The maximum CDBG grant amount a City or County can apply for a public facilities and infrastructure project is $500,000. Indicate if the grant amount should:

Increase Decrease Remain the same

2) The maximum CDBG grant amount a City or County can apply for a job creation project is $500,000. Indicate if the grant amount should:

Increase Decrease Remain the same

3) The maximum CDBG grant amount a City or County can apply for a downtown revitalization project is $500,000. Indicate if the grant amount should:

Increase Decrease Remain the same

4) The maximum CDBG grant amount a City or County can apply for a senior center, community center, or public parksproject is $150,000. Indicate if the grant amount should:

Increase Decrease Remain the same

5) The maximum CDBG grant amount a City or County can apply for a post-disaster project is $100,000. Indicate if the grant amount should:

Increase Decrease Remain the same

**Other Recommendations or Comments for the CDBG Program:**

Commerce appreciates your help and cooperation in completing this survey. Thank you.