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VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: ADOPTION OF THE PY 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025 ACTION PLAN

Honorable Councilmembers:

This letter is to respectfully request the Mount Vernon City Council authorize a resolution to adopt the Program Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan as required under Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to continue to receive grant funding. The consolidated plan is a public comment document that is structured into five areas listed below:

- First is a **Needs Assessment** which reviews housing issues for the City,
- Second is a **Housing Marketing Analysis** that reviews the conditions of the housing structures and market,
- Third is a **Five-Year Strategic Plan**, which identifies priority needs,
- Fourth is a list of projects for the year called an **Annual Action Plan**,
- Fifth is a **Citizen Participation Plan**. This document is available on the Urban Renewal Agency website.

There have not been significant changes from prior years consolidated plans. The Plans goals provide (1) public facility and infrastructure improvements, (2) Preserve and develop affordable housing, and (3) Quality of life improvements for Mount Vernon Residents,

The City of Mount Vernon is an entitlement jurisdiction; meaning we receive an annual appropriation of approximately \$2,000,000 of funding each year between two programs. The two grant programs are the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) where the city will receive \$1,548,930 and the HOME investment Partnership Grant (HOME) where the city will receive \$591,828.75 in funding for 2025. The program year is September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

In 2025 the funding recommendations under the 2025 Action Plan are as follows:

	ADMINISTRATION	PROJECTS	SERVICES
CDBG	\$309,786	\$1,139,144	\$100,000
HOME	\$59,183	\$532,646	No funds available
TOTALS	\$368,969	\$1,671,790	\$100,000





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The CDBG funds are targeted to infrastructure projects, in particular, the fire stations and street improvements. HOME projects will be focused on developing the downtown's workforce housing.

Based on the above information, I ask that the City Council vote to approve the consolidated plan PY 2025-2029 and Action Plan 2025 to continue receiving funds for the goals listed above.

Thank you for your consideration for this opportunity. I am available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Comptroller Darren M. Morton
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff

Enclosure(s):

