



Anoka County
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
Community & Governmental Relations

April 15, 2025

City of Ramsey
ATTN: Brian Hagen, Administrator
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

VIA: Email

RE: 2026-2028 Urban County Requalification for participation in the following HUD Programs:
-CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program); and
-HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program)

Dear Mr. Hagen:

Every three years Anoka County must complete an Urban Requalification process to continue receiving and administering HUD funds from the CDBG and HOME programs. We are currently preparing our requalification for federal fiscal years 2026 through 2028; and the county is required to notify participating communities of their option to be excluded from Anoka County's "Urban County" funding cycles for the next three years. **The city's options are:**

If you choose to OPT-IN and remain a participant with Anoka County, the following will apply:

- The grant process for your city will remain the same as it is now for CDBG and HOME programs; AND
- Your city will continue to be ineligible to apply for individual grants through the HUD Small Cities or State CDBG and HOME programs; AND
- The current *Cooperation Agreement* will automatically renew for another three-year period.

If you choose to OPT-OUT and NOT remain a participant with Anoka County, the following will apply:

- Your city will be able to apply for grants individually through the HUD Small Cities or State CDBG and HOME programs, BUT you will not be eligible to receive funds through Anoka County for federal fiscal years 2026 through 2028; AND
- If you elect to be excluded, this will be effective for the entire 3-year period for which Anoka County qualifies unless you specifically elect to be included in a subsequent year for the remainder of the county's 3-year qualification period.

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We would prefer that you notify Anoka County (by letter and/or Resolution) no later than May 30, 2025, of your intent to continue (Opt-In) OR terminate (Opt-Out) the *Cooperation Agreement* currently in effect. **Failure to respond by the deadline means your city will remain a participant in Anoka County's CDBG program for the 2026-2028 qualification period.**

Mail your notification to: Anoka County
ATTN: Ruth Thompson
2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 700
Anoka, MN 55303-5024

Email your notification to: Ruth.Thompson@anokacountymn.gov

If you'd like to receive a scanned copy of the *Cooperative Agreement* to review or if you have any questions, please contact me at 763-324-4601 or Ruth.Thompson@anokacountymn.gov

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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E-mail: ruth.thompson@anokacountymn.gov

cc: Stephanie Hanson, Community Development Director