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SUBJECT: Town of Skowhegan Community Project Grant B-24-CP-ME-1101

Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

This letter confirms receipt of your email with questions regarding the Town of Skowhegan's Community Project Grant. Your questions along with answers from the email are listed below:

1. \$3M request can be used towards a project phase within the full scope of work per original request and master plan (\$3M of a \$7.5M project)?

Yes, the funds may be used for one phase of the project, the language in the application submitted to Senator Collins' office states "to assist with".

To assist with the construction of a new centrally located multi-use new athletic complex adjacent to the community center and schools to increase programming and capacity to serve children, adults and families as well as an opportunity to provide local, district, regional and state opportunities in our community for multiple sports to keep the community outside and active. The project consists of a multi-use athletic complex; earthwork, utilities, multi-use turf fields, tennis courts, lighting, concession/restroom/storage and supporting amenities.

2. Does the HUD grant mandate full completion of the entire scope of work, or as long as the \$3M is used towards the scope of work the other phases can be constructed as additional funds become available from the town and/or other entities?

No, HUD does not mandate full completion of the whole project. The grant can be used for a phase of the project as the application language states, "to assist with".

3. The town has committed and designated over \$2M in just the last year plus more over the years to the designated Community Center Complex within the scope of work and would that be acceptable as a match, if there is a match requirement?

There is no match requirement for Community Project Fund grants.

4. If the master plan is part of the project narrative, does the town have a legal obligation to complete the project as outlined?

No, the Town of Skowhegan does not have a legal obligation to complete the entire project as outlined, the funds were granted to “assist with”

5. What are the consequences and/or options if the town lacks sufficient funds to complete the project?

The Town of Skowhegan applied for funds to assist with the master plan not to complete the whole of the project listed in the master plan.

6. Does accepting the \$3 million grant impose any financial or legal obligations on the town to complete the entire project as detailed in the application?

No, the Town of Skowhegan does not have any financial nor legal obligation to complete the entire project as outlined, the funds were granted to “assist with”

We look forward to working with you as you proceed with Skowhegan’s Community Project Fund Grant.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Shumeyko,
Regional Director