City of East Chicago

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Dear Ms. Kathryn Vallis,

The City of East Chicago is an entitlement city for receipt of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) in the form of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under CFDA No. 14.239 & 14.218, respectively. Whereby a portion of such funds will be used to assist eligible homeowners of existing housing stock to make repairs to their owner-occupied homes by participating in our local Housing Rehabilitation Programs. As part of NEPA Part 58 environmental review process, we are requesting an updated consistency concurrence for the activities associated to this Program. It is required under 24 CFR 58.22 to submit documentation concerning any environmental impact project(s) may have on the Coastal Program Area.

It is our belief that rehabilitation of existing housing stock within our city will have minimal to no effect towards the respective Coastal Management Program.

Due to effects of the recent Covid-19 Pandemic, and among other local challenges, we apologize for delay in making this request for a consistency concurrence relating to our program year 2020 funding, of which no funds have been or will be utilized until the full environmental review is accepted by HUD along with a Release of Funds.

Enclosed are the materials that should assist you in determining as to whether the projects/activities relevant to the Housing Rehabilitation Programs are consistent with the approved State CZM Program. The local Housing Rehabilitation Program area is city-wide to the City of East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana.

The proposed HOME & CDBG projects/activities are listed below:

HOUSING	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PROJECTED START DATE	PROJECTED DURATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/ACTIVITY
Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG)	$300,000.00 (Approx.)	7/1/2020	4 Years	Funds will be used for project delivery costs directly related to carrying out the Housing Rehabilitation Programs. Location of exact sites have not yet been determined.

Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG)	$600,000.00 (Approx.)	7/1/2020	4 Years	Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner-occupied housing to repair their homes. Includes the Residential Repair Program, Emergency Repair Program, Accessibility Program and Exterior Façade Renovation Program. Location of exact sites have not yet been determined.
Housing Rehabilitation Program (HOME)	$280,000.00 (Approx.)	7/1/2020	4 Years	Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner-occupied housing to repair their homes. Includes the Residential Repair Program, Emergency Repair Program, Accessibility Program and Exterior Façade Renovation Program. Location of exact sites have not yet been determined.

The proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such Program.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Frank Rivera, Executive Director
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