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### **HUD recognizes City of Murfreesboro for Consolidated Planning Programs *Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Review Meets Mandates***

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently applauded the City of Murfreesboro for implementing housing and community development programs and policies in the 2013 Consolidated Planning Programs. HUD congratulated Murfreesboro and its Community Development Office following an assessment or Consolidated End-of-Year Review for 2013.

“We are pleased to once again be recognized by HUD for federal compliance performance in funding of Community Development Block grants,” said City Community Development Director John Callow. “The grant funds are helping address the housing, public health and homeless issues within our community.”

In a letter to City Community Development Director John Callow, HUD recognized the City of Murfreesboro for its “continued worthwhile activities.” The HUD Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) noted the following City accomplishments:

- **Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Benefit** in which nearly 100 percent of CDBG funds expended during the reporting period benefited LMI persons.
- **Housing Rehabilitation Program** provided a total of \$309,328.06 in CDBG affordable housing funding to rehabilitate five homes; reconstruct two homes, conduct emergency rehabilitation to one house; and provide sewer tape assistance to one house.
- **Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities** in the form of no-interest loans of up to \$10,000 to 15 income-eligible first-time home buyers for a total of \$200,949.23 in CDBG assistance.
- **Public Services** grants totaling \$117,557 were awarded to fourteen agencies to carry out services that included health care, adult day care, child abuse prevention, reading literacy assistance, financial assistance, and homeless assistance, benefiting 6,473 residents.
- **Assistance to the Homeless** was awarded to 10 member agencies in the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (CoC) totaling \$600,865.

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HUD annually reviews the performance of cities that receive federal community development grants, including the following:

- Analyzing the City's consolidated planning process.
- Reviewing management of funds.
- Determining the process made in implementing HUD policies and programs.
- Determining compliance of funded activities with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Evaluating accomplishments in meeting key Departmental strategic goals and objectives.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), in consultation with the Offices of Public Housing, Multifamily Housing, Single Family Housing, Chief Counsel, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity completed the assessment.

For more information on Community Development programs, residents are encouraged to call 615-890-4660 or visit <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/Index.aspx?NID=112>.

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