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March 10, 2023

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Dear Kelli Furtado:

**RE: Infill Infrastructure Grant Program – Catalytic Qualifying Infill Area, Phase I
Application – *Downtown Fresno***

On behalf of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department or HCD), thank you for submitting a Phase I Application under the new Infill Infrastructure Grant Program – Catalytic Qualifying Infill Area (IIGC or Program).

The Department released the Request for Concept Proposals announcing the availability of \$105 million in IIGC funds on November 30, 2022 and was pleased to see the level of interest in the Program with Phase I Applications received requesting in excess of \$760 million in funding. These Phase I Applications informed the Department about the diversity, scale, needs, and challenges of potential Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas (CQIAs).

This letter serves to notify you that the Phase I Application for Downtown Fresno has been selected for the Phase II Application process.

Invitations to the Phase II Application process were determined based upon readiness to initiate construction of the proposed Capital Improvement Project, the geographic distribution of funds to meet targets set forth in the Request for Concept Proposals, alignment with the goals of the Program, and overall catalytic impact of the proposal based on the number of anticipated units which would result from the catalytic infrastructure investment.

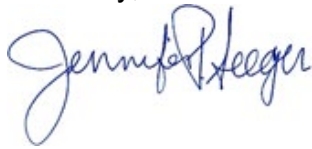
The Phase II Application Solicitation and related application materials will be posted to the IIG webpage the week of March 13, 2023. The Phase II Application Solicitation will include detailed programmatic requirements and rating and ranking criteria for the Phase II Application process. As a reminder, Phase II Applications must include at least the same level of units as outlined in the Phase I Application but may be modified to increase depth of affordability.

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IIGC staff will also be releasing a recorded webinar designed specifically to address the Phase II Application process and overview of the HCD IIGC Phase II Application Portal. Following the recorded webinar and prior to the application deadline, optional one-on-one consultations will be scheduled with invited eligible Applicants to review project specific questions.

Thank you very much for your interest in the Program and your continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer Seeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" and last name "Seeger" clearly distinguishable.

Jennifer Seeger
Deputy Director
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