## Dear CDBG-Small Cities Grantees:

As you may already be aware, 1% of the annual allocation of CDBG-Small Cities funding allocated to Connecticut by HUD can be used by the Department of Housing (DOH) to pay for activities related to providing technical assistance ("TA") to our local government program participants.

DOH is currently exploring additional ways to provide TA services that most effectively address the specific needs and interests of our grantees. To this end, DOH would like your input to increase your capacity to carry out your CDBG-Small Cities funded programs. Specifically, on what subjects would you most like TA? What form of TA would be most useful to you: in-person workshops, webinars, printed materials, on-call consultants, etc. Please feel free to think creatively. Remember, the purpose of these funds is to enable you to develop greater capacity to better administer your programs. Please appreciate that these funds can only be used for TA activities and cannot be used for some types of expenses, such as: (1) local administrative expenses not related to community development and (2) any activity that cannot be documented as meeting a TA need. A detailed explanation of what these TA funds can and cannot be used for is set forth at: attached HUD notice CPD 99-9.

Please provide your input by October 15, 2013 so that we can appropriately address them in the State's Action Plan. You can call me at (860) 270-8012, if you have any questions. Thank you.

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