



December 19, 2012

Ms. Adela G. Gonzales, City Manager
City of Soledad
248 Main Street
Soledad, CA 93960

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

Subject: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review

This letter supersedes Finance's original Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) Due Diligence Review (DDR) determination letter dated November 9, 2012. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6 (c), the City of Soledad Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved LMIHF DDR to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 12, 2012. Finance issued a LMIHF DDR determination letter on November 9, 2012. Subsequently, the Agency requested a Meet and Confer session on one or more items adjusted by Finance. The Meet and Confer Session was held on December 6, 2012.

Based on a review of additional or clarifying information provided to Finance during the Meet and Confer process, Finance is revising some of the adjustments made in our previous DDR determination letter. HSC section 34179.6 (d) authorizes Finance to make these adjustments. Specifically, we are revising the following adjustment:

Grant receivables totaling \$41,525 were denied by Finance in our letter dated August 31, 2012, as an inclusion to the Housing Asset Transfer (HAT) Form. Our original review indicated contracts for these grants were not in place prior to June 27, 2011. Based on a discussion with the Agency during the Meet and Confer process, as well as a review of contracts and LMIHF records, Finance has determined the grant for the amount of \$22,000 was awarded prior to June 27, 2011. However, sufficient documentation was not provided to support the award of the remaining grants in the amount of \$19,525 prior to June 27, 2011. Therefore, the adjustment has been revised to \$19,525.

The Agency's LMIHF balance available for distribution to the affected taxing entities has been revised to \$1,615,177 (see table below).

LMIHF Balances Available For Distribution To Taxing Entities	
Available Balance per DDR:	\$ 1,595,652
Finance Adjustments	
Add:	
Denied HAT items	41,525
Revised adjustments	(22,000)
Total LMIHF available to be distributed:	\$ 1,615,177

This is Finance's final determination of the LMIHF balances available for distribution to the taxing entities. HSC section 34179.6 (f) requires successor agencies to transmit to the county auditor-controller the amount of funds identified in the above table within five working days, plus any interest those sums accumulated while in the possession of the recipient.

If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of the successor agency, and if the successor agency is operated by the city or county that created the former redevelopment agency, then failure to transmit the identified funds may result in offsets to the city's or the county's sales and use tax allocation, as well as its property tax allocation. If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of another taxing entity, the successor agency is required to take diligent efforts to recover such funds. A failure to recover and remit those funds may result in offsets to the other taxing entity's sales and use tax allocation or to its property tax allocation. If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of a private entity, HSC 34179.6 (h) (1) (B) states that any remittance related to unallowable transfers to a private party may also be subject to a 10 percent penalty if not remitted within 60 days.

Failure to transmit the identified funds will also prevent the Agency from being able to receive a finding of completion from Finance. Without a finding of completion, the Agency will be unable to take advantage of the provisions detailed in HSC section 34191.4. Specifically, these provisions allow certain loan agreements between the former redevelopment agency (RDA) and the city, county, or city and county that created the RDA to be considered enforceable obligations. These provisions also allow certain bond proceeds to be used for the purposes in which they were sold and allows for the transfer of real property and interests into the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund once Finance approves the Agency's long-range property management plan.

In addition to the consequences above, willful failure to return assets that were deemed an unallowable transfer or failure to remit the funds identified above could expose certain individuals to criminal penalties under existing law.

Pursuant to HSC section 34167.5 and 34178.8, the California State Controller's Office (Controller) has the authority to claw back assets that were inappropriately transferred to the city, county, or any other public agency. Determinations outlined in this letter and Finance's Housing Assets Transfer letter dated August 31, 2012 do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

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Sincerely,



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