



November 8, 2012

Mr. Bryan Briggs, Manager
City of Ceres
2720 Second Street
Ceres, CA 95307-3292

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Subject: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6(c), the Stanislaus-Ceres Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review (DDR) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 23, 2012. The purpose of the review was to determine the amount of cash and cash equivalents available for distribution to the affected taxing entities.

Since the Agency did not meet the October 15, 2012 submittal deadline pursuant to HSC section 34179.6 (c), Finance is not bound to completing its review and making a determination by the November 9, 2012 deadline pursuant to HSC section 34179.6 (d). However, Finance has completed its review of your DDR, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Based on our review, Finance made no adjustments to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) balance available for allocation to the affected taxing entities. As a result, the Agency's LMIHF balance available for distribution to the affected taxing entities is \$1,179,817.

HSC section 34179.6 (f) requires successor agencies to transmit to the county auditor-controller the amount of funds identified above 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, that taxing entity's failure to remit those funds may result in offsets to its sales and use tax allocation or to its property tax allocation.

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 do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

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Finally, we note that failure to return assets that were deemed an unallowable transfer, and which were ordered returned to the Agency by the Controller or by Finance, would be a violation of Penal Code section 424.

Please direct inquiries to Robert Scott, Supervisor or Jenny DeAngelis, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Szalay', with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

STEVE SZALAY
Local Government Consultant

cc: Ms. Lauren Klein, County of Stanislaus, Auditor-Controller
California State Controller's Office