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## **Salt Lake County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Program**

For the last 30 years, Salt Lake County has been classified as an Urban County for purposes of administering the Community Development Block Grant program. This includes interlocal agreements with the other cities and towns in the county that are not entitlement cities (receive their funds directly) from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Currently there are three interlocal agreements. Salt Lake County receives an allocation of funding from HUD and administers the CDBG program which provides services to the residents of the Urban County. This process includes representatives from the smaller cities who are members of the allocation committees that review and make recommendations for the use of the CDBG funds.

Every three years, Salt Lake County must recertify to remain an Urban County. The next renewal period is for 2021-2023. This involves contacting each city and asking them if they want to remain a member of the Urban County. That notification process has occurred for this renewal period and all cities and towns have agreed to remain a part of the Urban County. The County has submitted the required documentation to HUD for review and approval. In HUD's response, they have suggested several changes to the interlocal agreements. One of which is to develop a new interlocal agreement that includes all the cities and towns (one agreement) rather than amending the three existing agreements which have outdated language.

The date for completing the new interlocal agreement with approvals by the participating cities and towns and being submitted to HUD is September 21, 2020. This is an ambitious timeline to have all the agreements reviewed and completed by the cities and towns and returned to the County. To expedite that process, the county attorney has prepared a draft of the new interlocal agreement which contains the new language HUD has required. That has been submitted to HUD for their review and comment.

We are requesting that the Salt Lake County Council approve the interlocal agreement. Upon approval, it will be sent to all the participating jurisdictions for their review and approval. Once that process is completed, the entire agreement, will be sent to HUD for approval. HUD's final review must be completed by September 30, 2020 for the County to be eligible for the next year of CDBG funding which begins October 1, 2020.