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June 11, 2009

The Honorable Dan Devine and
Members of the Common Council
West Allis City Hall
West Allis, Wisconsin

RE: Community Development Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Program

Dear Mayor Devine and Common Council Members:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the City of West Allis will receive from the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce up to \$4,162,000 to address damage caused by the historic flood of June 7, 2008. This award will be used for owner and renter occupied rehabilitation of flood damaged homes, to assist with the restoration of streets and sidewalks and the acquisition/demolition of the Milwaukee Gray Iron site.

Sincerely,

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Jim Doyle, Governor
Richard J. Leinenkugel, Secretary

June 9, 2009

The Honorable Dan Devine
Mayor, City of West Allis
7525 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mayor Devine:

On behalf of Governor Jim Doyle and Secretary Richard Leinenkugel, thank you for your recent application to the Community Development Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Program to assist in recovery efforts related to the flooding that occurred this past summer. These funds are available to aid those municipalities who have been affected by the 2008 flooding to take the necessary corrective measures.

As you surely are aware, the storms that inflicted so much damage in your area caused considerable damage in many other communities in southern Wisconsin. Indeed, the requests for assistance stemming from the June/July storms and rains have overwhelmed our emergency assistance capacity. The Department has responded by diverting more than \$11 million from other budgeted CDBG activities to support emergency assistance needs. Wisconsin has also received over \$46 million from Federal Supplemental Allocations. Even so, we have found it necessary to take the unusual step of limiting the amount of CDBG funds awarded to any one applicant.

At this time, Commerce is prepared to offer the City of West Allis a grant of up to \$4,162,000 for owner and renter occupied rehabilitation of flood damaged homes, to assist with the restoration of streets and sidewalks and the acquisition/demolition of the Milwaukee Gray Iron site. This award is based on LMI Benefit, correction of a health/safety issue, as well as the broad economic impact and community benefit of the project.

The Department of Commerce will issue a contract for this project after negotiations are completed with the applicant to finalize the projects being funded and contingent upon release of the 2nd Supplemental Allocation, known as "IKE" funds.

I applaud your efforts in managing the recovery efforts. My colleagues and I are pleased to be able to join and support your work to help repair infrastructure affected by this flooding. Shortly, you will be contacted by Caryn Stone to initiate the contracting process. Please feel free to contact her by email at Caryn.Stone@Wisconsin.gov or by phone at 608/267-3682.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James O'Keefe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James O'Keefe, Administrator
Division of Housing and Community Development

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cc: Patrick Schloss, Community Development Manager