



July 3, 2023

Mr. Butch Kirven
Chairman Finance Committee
Greenville County Council
University Ridge, Suite 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

RE: Approval of Requalification of Urban County status and Renewal of a Continuous Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024 -2026.

Dear Councilman Kirven:

Every three years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Greenville County to requalify for entitlement status as an Urban County and to recertify the continuation of Greenville County's Urban County cooperative agreement between the Greenville County, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, and the municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest. The proposed cooperative agreement renewal would continue to provide Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Partnership funds and Emergency Solution Grants for fiscal years 2024-2026 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027).

Since 1978, the County of Greenville has joined with the five mentioned municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest, executing a Cooperative Agreement every three years, to obtain Urban County status with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and be eligible to receive annual Urban County entitlement grants of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Partnership Grant and Emergency Solutions funds. On August 14, 2014, the participating municipalities, Greenville County and GCRA entered into a **continuous renewal** of the cooperative agreement to participate in HUD programs, if none of the participating municipalities opts out of partnership and agreement. All of the five municipalities have agreed to continue to participate in the cooperative agreement for the proposed FY 2024 - 2026.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution for automatic renewal of the cooperative agreement for the County Council approval. Please place this item on the Finance Committee Agenda for approval. GCRA staff will be available to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the agreement.



If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at (864) 242-9801, extension 114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Castile', written in a cursive style.

John Castile
Executive Director

Enclosure