



CITY OF ST. LOUIS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (CDA)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

**CITY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
CONTRACT #12-90-03 AND #12-10-63
CFDA #14.218**

FISCAL MONITORING REVIEW

JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012

PROJECT #2013-CDA31

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Patricia Hageman, Executive Director
City Counselor's Office
314 City Hall
St. Louis, MO 63101

RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Project #2013-CDA31)

Dear Ms. Hageman:

Enclosed is a report of the fiscal monitoring review of the City Counselor's Office, a municipal agency, CDBG Program, for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The scope of a fiscal monitoring review is less than an audit, and as such, we do not express an opinion on the financial operations of the City Counselor's Office. Fieldwork was completed on March 14, 2013.

This review was made under authorization contained in Section 2, Article XV of the Charter, City of St. Louis, as revised, and has been conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* and through an agreement with the City of St. Louis, Community Development Administration (CDA) to provide fiscal monitoring to all grant sub-recipients.

If you have any questions, please contact the Internal Audit Section at (314) 657-3490.

Respectfully,

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Internal Audit Executive

Enclosure

cc: Jill Claybour, Acting Executive Director, CDA
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INTRODUCTION

Background

Contract Name: City Counselor's Office

Contract Numbers: 12-90-03
12-10-63

Contract Periods: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
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CFDA Number: 14.218

Contract Amounts: \$206,739 (Legal Services)
\$219,480 (Problem Properties)

These contracts provided Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City Counselor's Office (Agency) for legal remedies for problem properties throughout the city and legal services to efficiently administer and carryout the problem properties program.

Purpose

The purpose of the review was to determine the Agency's compliance with federal, state and local Community Development Administration (CDA) requirements for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, and make recommendations for improvements as considered necessary.

Scope and Methodology

Inquiries were made regarding the Agency's internal controls relating to the grant administered by the Community Development Administration (CDA). Evidence was tested supporting the reports the Agency submitted to CDA and other procedures were performed as considered necessary. Fieldwork was completed on March 14, 2013.

Exit Conference

An exit conference was offered to the Agency on July 9, 2013, but the agency declined.

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

Conclusion

No evidence was found to suggest that the Agency did not fully comply with federal, state and local CDA requirements.

Status of Prior Observations

The Agency's previous fiscal monitoring report, #2012-CDA41, issued October 1, 2012, contained no observations.

A-133 Status

The Agency is a City Department and is covered under the City of St. Louis annual OMB Circular A-133 audit.

Summary of Current Observations

There were no current observations.