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RE: 2017 City ESG Funding Reallocation Request

Dear Nick,

Thank you for meeting with me on June 6, 2017 to discuss our Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service (PFHCS) 2017 City ESG Grant for Rapid Re-housing services funded by the City of Peoria. Through our discussion, I proposed in representation of PFHCS and our PFHCS Board of Directors, to agreeably end our mutual 2017 ESG grant agreement. Through our administrative review of services and agency financials, PFHCS found it would be in the best interest of our agency and the local Continuum of Care that these funds be allocated to a different provider already providing rapid rehousing services.

The 2017 grant reflects that it would help Peoria Friendship House provide \$18,000 of direct assistance payments to landlords and utility providers for homeless individuals/families seeking permanent housing. It also reflected it would reimburse for \$500 of our HMIS database costs and that the remaining \$7,167.72, would reimburse PFHCS for housing relocation and stabilization services provided to eligible program participants necessary for them to be able to secure permanent housing through our agency staff. At the loss of other funding that further supported having rapid re-housing services, it is not feasible for our agency to continue with these services. Quality services are essential to a homeless individual/families' success in their process to secure quality and affordable housing as well as in their process to maintain housing long term. Thus, we as an agency feel that it is in the best interest of all parties that funds be reallocated.

Reflecting back, PFHCS and the City of Peoria have been partners to assist people avoid homelessness since 2006 and partners to assist already homeless individuals/families in becoming permanently housed since 2013. Through these years, this has been a partnership that has helped people in our community tremendously. PFHCS has the desire to continue being a part of the solution amongst the HOIUW Continuum of Care, partner agencies and community in the battle towards ending homelessness. Our focus of support will just continue in a different capacity. We look forward to our continued partnerships with the City and the HOIUW COC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Arreguin".

Sandy Arreguin
Interim CEO/President

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