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To: Randy Cole, Director of Housing Programs

From: Phil Steinhaus, CEO

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RE: City HOME funds for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) welcomes the opportunity to receive HOME funds from the City of Columbia to provide tenant-based rental assistance to families and individuals in need of housing subsidies.

Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) essentially works like the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The CHA issues a housing voucher to an eligible family or individual who then looks for housing. The family pays 30% of their adjusted household income for rent and the CHA pays the balance of the rent to the landlord. Eligible families may also “lease in place” if they currently have housing but have lost income or are otherwise income eligible.

The CHA will focus its efforts on serving two low-income populations. First, we will focus on serving homeless persons who have been identified and referred to the CHA by local agencies with in our community.

Second, we will work with local health and human service agencies to identify families who have lost their jobs and need housing assistance.

The CHA has a great deal of experience in administering housing vouchers like TBRA vouchers. For many years the CHA has been awarded TBRA vouchers and successfully administered the program. The TBRA program complements the other voucher programs operated by the CHA and will allow us to increase the number of families we serve with housing assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional housing assistance to citizens of Columbia.