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Audrey Short, Grant Administrator
City of Madison CDBG Office
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Dear Ms. Short:

I am writing to request the addition of an item to the October, 2010 CDBG Committee meeting agenda. Operation Fresh Start is requesting consideration of a modification to our current CDBG contract that would allow OFS to use its CDBG/HOME funds to construct one additional housing unit that would be owned by another qualified non-profit housing organization.

In March of this year, the Committee approved a modification to our current contract allowing OFS to collaborate with other non-profit housing providers to construct and/or rehabilitate up to four (4) housing units owned by the other non-profits, with the units being either ownership or rental housing opportunities. At the present time, OFS has three (3) of these collaborative projects being worked on by our crews. I also have a request from the Madison Area Community Land Trust asking OFS to construct two new houses on vacant in-fill lots. If the Committee would permit Fresh Start to construct a fifth housing unit under the same conditions as these other four, it would allow us to fulfill our seventh and final housing obligation for 2010 without having to take ownership for another house that would then need to be sold.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

George Riggan
Deputy Director

