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Ms. Cheryl Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown,

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee was made aware of a proposed revision to the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant allocation formula that would have had the immediate effect of significantly altering the present funding methodology and regional allocations. We understand that a proposed new funding methodology recommended by the state CDBG staff was planned to be presented to the state CDBG Policy Committee at their October 13, 2016 meeting. It is our understanding that the proposal was retracted by staff and the Policy Committee directed that the allocation methodology for FY2017 CDBG funding remain unaltered from the previous year.

The Steering Committee respectfully requests that, prior to consideration of any alterations in the CDBG funding distribution methodology, an open and collaborative process be developed involving AOG executive directors and staff, CDBG Policy Committee members, and the state CDBG staff to look at all options and alternatives, including not altering the longstanding methodology. All parties need to have an opportunity to participate and thoroughly vet any proposed funding formula changes moving forward.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair
Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee

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cc: Keith Heaton, Community Development Director, Division of Housing & Community Development
Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer J. Cox