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Ms. Laura Collins  
Director  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
City of Bethlehem  
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RE: Program Year Review Letter  
City of Bethlehem  
Program Year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025)

Dear Ms. Collins:

As a recipient of grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), each jurisdiction that has an approved Consolidated Plan shall annually review and report to HUD on the progress it has made in carrying out its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The performance report is submitted to HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) in the form of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Furthermore, the Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR § 91.525 require the Department to evaluate and report to the public on a community's overall progress in the management of its program funds, compliance with the Consolidated Plan, the accuracy of performance reports, and the extent to which progress has been achieved toward the statutory goals identified in Section 91.1.

This letter serves to acknowledge your Program Year 2025 CAPER submission and to apprise you of our assessment of the City of Bethlehem's overall progress. HUD acknowledges the City's programmatic accomplishments during the program year. Based on our Office's review of your Program Year 2025 CAPER, we have concluded that the City of Bethlehem has the capacity to carry out its CPD programs and has met its reporting requirements.

We wish to note; however, the City did not hold a public hearing on performance in violation of 24 CFR 91.105(e)(1)(i). To correct this deficiency, the City will need to hold a public hearing that covers performance. The notice that is published for the hearing should specify the public hearing is for performance and, in accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(e)(2), the notice should be published at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the public hearing. The City should provide to this office, a copy of the notice, proof of publication of the notice, and a summary of any comments received. Please provide this information within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthen your community through CPD programs. Please submit any comments regarding the contents of this letter to this Office within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions or if you wish to request additional consultation regarding your performance, please contact Ms. Mary Anne Bellacima, Sr. Community Planning and Development Representative, at (215) 861-7654 or [MaryAnne.Bellacima@hud.gov](mailto:MaryAnne.Bellacima@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: Crystal I. Edwards, CPD Program Manager