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OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES

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MEMORANDUM: All Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grantees

FROM: Jonnette Hawkins Simmons, Director, Grants Services Division, LG

SUBJECT: Update on OMB memorandum M-25-14 and Next Steps

We hope this message finds you well. We are aware of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum M-25-14, Rescission of M-25-13, of January 29. The new OMB memo rescinds their memorandum of January 27 on Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs, about which the OLHCHH issued the HUD OLHCHH update on OMB memorandum M-25-13 and next steps on January 28.

We are rescinding the OLHCHH's January 28 memorandum and are pleased to provide you with the following guidance:

- For the OLHCHH grants that have been awarded and are in the negotiation phase preparing for grant execution, we will continue the negotiations and, if they are completed successfully, execute the grant awards.
- For grants that have been executed, regarding:
 - **Invoicing:** We will continue to review grant invoices that were submitted through eLOCCS, and will authorize reimbursement payment for invoices that are received, reviewed, and approved. We continue to encourage grantees to submit invoices promptly when feasible, rather than letting large balances accumulate. We will review the invoices promptly and will promptly advise grantees of any needed revisions or corrections or of the invoices being approved.
 - **Environmental reviews:** We will continue to accept and process submittals regarding Tier I and Tier II reviews (as applicable to the grant at any point). We will approve tiering requests and requests for release of funds when the submittals are approvable.
 - **Contracting:** We continue to remind grantees that contracts for work on specific housing may not be executed until the request for release of funds for that work has been approved. In general, whether for work on housing or for other grant-related activities, we will review invoices related to contract work as described above.
 - **Travel:** We continue to encourage grantees to maximize the utility of travel and related costs (e.g., meeting registrations), using virtual meetings, remote monitoring, and the like, as appropriate.
 - **Staff costs:** We continue to encourage grantees to assess their need for utilizing staff time and related expenditures on their grant, for general prudential reasons.

- **Cost-reimbursable grants, such as the OLHCHH's:** As always with our cost-reimbursable grants, grantees' expenditures are made at risk to the grantee, without guarantee that the OLHCHH will approve reimbursement of the expenditures.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any concerns or questions about this guidance, please feel free to reach out to your grant's Government Technical Representative or Grant Officer.