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By checking the boxes, the certifier assures the statements are true.

The County of El Dorado hereby assures and certifies that:

1. Legal Authority
It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant and to execute the proposed program.
2. Application Authorization
Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act or resolution, motion, or similar action authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the applicant's chief executive officer or other designee to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. Citizen Participation
It has or will comply with all citizen participation requirements, which include, at a minimum, the following components:
- a. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blight areas and of areas in which CDBG funds are proposed to be used, and provides for participation of residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction; and
 - b. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of funds, as required by CDBG regulations, and relating to the actual use of funds under this title; and
 - c. Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the grantee; and
 - d. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These include at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries and with accommodation for the handicapped. This shall include one public meeting during the program design, annual performance report preparation, and formal amendments. A public hearing shall be conducted prior to application submittal; and
 - e. Solicits and provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, within 15 working days where practicable; and

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- f. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate.

4. National Objective
The CDBG Program has been developed so as to primarily benefit targeted income persons and households, and each activity in the program meets one of the three national objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meets an urgent community need certified by the grantee as such.
5. NEPA Environmental Review
Consents to assume the responsibilities for environmental review and decision-making in order to ensure compliance with NEPA by following the procedures for recipients of block grant funds as set forth in 24 CFR, Part 58, titled "Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Programs." Also included in this requirement is compliance with Executive Order 11988 relating to the evaluation of flood hazards, and Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) regarding purchase of flood insurance, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470) and implementing regulations (36 CFR 800.8).
6. CEQA
Consents to assume the role of either Lead Agency as defined by Section 21067 of the California Public Resources Code, or if another public agency is or will be designated Lead Agency, it consents to assume the role of Responsible Agency as defined by Section 21069 of the California Public Resources Code, in order to ensure compliance with CEQA.
7. Audit/Performance Findings
Has resolved any audit findings or performance problems for prior CDBG grants awarded by the State.
8. Growth Control
Certifies that there is no plan, ordinance, or other measure in effect which directly limits, by number, the building permits that may be issued for residential construction or the buildable lots which may be developed for residential purposes; or if such a plan, ordinance, or measure is in effect, it will either be rescinded before receiving funds, or it need not be rescinded because it:
- a. Imposes a moratorium on residential construction, to protect the health and safety, for a specified period of time which will end when the public health and safety is no longer jeopardized; or
 - b. Creates agricultural preserves under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 51200) of Part 2 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government Code; or
 - c. Was adopted pursuant to a specific requirement of a State or multi-State board, agency, department, or commission; or

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- d. The applicant has an adopted housing element which the Department has found to be in compliance, unless a final order has been used by a court in which the court determined that it is not in compliance with Article 10.6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code; or
- e. The use of the funds applied for in this application is restricted for housing for the targeted income group.

9. Uniform Administrative Requirements

Will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular Numbers A-87, A-133, A-122, and 24 CFR Part 85, where appropriate, and the State CDBG regulations.

10. Nondiscrimination

Shall comply with the following regarding nondiscrimination:

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352).
- b. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-284) as amended; and will administer all programs and activities related to housing and community development in a manner affirmatively furthering fair housing.
- c. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- d. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended.
- e. Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086.
- f. Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259.
- g. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112), as amended, and implementing regulations.
- h. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-135).
- i. The prospective contractor's signature affixed hereon and dated shall constitute a certification under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the bidder has, unless exempted, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 8103.

11. Anti-Displacement/Relocation

Will comply with the Federal Relocation Act (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) and certifies that it will follow the state's residential anti-displacement and relocation plan located in Appendix L of the State's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan. The Plan can be found at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/rep/fed/conplan05-10final.pdf>.

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12. Labor Standards
Will comply with the following regarding labor standards:
- a. Section 110 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
 - b. Section 1720 et seq. of the California Labor Code regarding public works labor standards.
 - c. Davis-Bacon Act as amended (40 USC. 276a) regarding prevailing wage rates.
 - d. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 3702) regarding overtime compensation.
 - e. Anti-Kickback Act of 1934 (41 USC 51-58) prohibiting "kickbacks" of wages in federally assisted construction activities.
13. Architectural Barriers
Will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 USC 4151-4157) and implementing regulations (24 CFR Part 40-41).
14. Conflict of Interest
Will enforce standards for conflicts of interest which govern the performance of their officers, employees, or agents engaged in the award and administration, in whole or in part, of State CDBG grant funds (Section 7126 of the State regulations).
15. Limitations on Political Activities
Will comply with the Hatch Act (5 USC 1501 et seq.) regarding political activity of employees.
16. Lead-Base Paint
Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Regulations (24 CFR Part 35) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint on projects funded by the program.
17. Debarred Contractors
The applicant or its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in federal assistance programs, in any proposal submitted in connection with the CDBG program, per the Excluded Party List System (www.epls.gov). In addition, the applicant will not award contracts to or otherwise engage the services of any contractor while that contractor (or its principals) is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation from the covered transaction, in any proposal submitted in connection with the CDBG program under the provisions of 24 CFR part 24.

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18. Inspection of Grant Activities
Will give HUD, the Comptroller General, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, or any of their authorized representatives access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
19. Cost Recovery
Will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or in part with CDBG funds by assessing properties owned and occupied by targeted income persons unless:
- a. CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of such assessment that relates to non-CDBG funding; or
 - b. For the purposes of assessing properties owned and occupied by targeted income persons who are not of the lowest targeted income group, it does not have sufficient CDBG funds to comply with the provisions of "a" above.
20. Procurement
Will follow the federal procurement policies per 24 CFR Sec. 85.36
21. Excessive Force
Will adopt and enforce policies:
- a. Prohibiting the use of excessive force by its law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 - b. Enforcing applicable State and local law against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction.

The Certification is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

NAME OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:

Ron Briggs (*print/type*)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE EXECUTIVE:

Chairman, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (*enter exact title of person signing*)

Signature (**blue ink**)

Date certified