



July 10, 2014

City of Annapolis
Theresa Wellman, Chief
of Community Development,
145 Gorman Street, 3rd Floor
Annapolis MD 21401-2535

Re: FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Dear Ms. Wellman:

We were honored to receive the Mayor's notification yesterday that the Volunteer Center was selected to receive an allocation under the FY15 CDBG Program. However, as we discussed with you today, our Treasure Hunter's Clearinghouse which the CDBG program supports is being folded into our broader efforts to recruit volunteer mentors and tutors throughout Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

We are required to use CDBG funding only to provide services for children living in very specific low-income areas of Annapolis. We have been successfully collaborating with youth-serving organizations to recruit, screen, orient and match volunteers with youth in their programs who live in these specific neighborhoods. Since we submitted our grant application last year, the needs of our partner organizations have changed, in a good way. Thanks in no small part to our collaborative efforts, our partners are much more successful in recruiting volunteer mentors and tutors than they were when the Treasure Hunters Clearinghouse was formed three years ago.

The Volunteer Center requests that the CDBG funds which would have supported the Treasure Hunters Clearinghouse be recaptured and reallocated to our partner programs in the City of Annapolis, who are CDBG grantees, to help them address the ever-changing and critical need to serve our youth.

Thank you for supporting the Volunteer Center as we continue to help people to make a difference in the City of Annapolis through volunteering. If you have any questions please contact me at 410-897-9207 or fay@volunteerannearundel.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fay".

Fay R. Mauro
Executive Director

Cc: Bruce Morgenstern, Board President