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The City of Auburn is the recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City of Auburn uses a portion of these funds to administer a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. The City accepts applications from approximately 20 property owners annually and provides financial assistance with a combination of loans and grants. The loans are approved by the Community Development Loan Committee and are secured by a mortgage and are repaid on a monthly basis.

Timothy Cougle, City of Auburn employee, has applied for assistance from the City's CDBG Residential Loan Program.

The City is seeking an exception to the Conflict of Interest provisions of 24 CFR 570.611, which state that no employees of the City "who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during the tenure or for one year thereafter."

Timothy Cougle does not have, and has never had, any input in the administration of the City's CDBG allocation. As such, the City is posting this notice and informing HUD of the circumstances in this instance. The City is requesting that HUD provide an exception to its general conflict of interest rule in order to allow the City to provide assistance to this individual.