



**Greater Attleboro/Taunton  
HOME Consortium**

City of Taunton, OECD  
15 Summer Street, 3rd Floor  
Taunton, MA 02780



July 29, 2021

Ms. Heather Martin-Sterling, Town Administrator  
Town of Berkley  
One North Main Street  
Berkley, MA 02779

Dear Ms. Martin-Sterling,

In accordance with Section 13 of the **Mutual Cooperation Agreement governing the Greater Attleboro/Taunton HOME Consortium (GATHC)**, the City of Taunton, as the lead entity of the GATHC, is hereby notifying all member communities that the existing Mutual Cooperation Agreement will be automatically renewed for another three years. The renewal period will cover the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

The Mutual Cooperation Agreement requires that the City of Taunton notify all member communities of their right not to remain a participant in the GATHC during the next three years. Members will have until **August 31, 2021** in which to respond in writing to the City of Taunton, Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD), **if they do not wish to participate**.

If a community wishes to continue as a HOME Consortium member, the City Council/Selectboard of that community can vote to remain as a member **or they can simply take no action**. Please be advised that it is not necessary to provide the City of Taunton, OECD, with documentation of a vote. As long as the City of Taunton does not receive notification that the member community no longer wishes to continue, the Mutual Cooperation Agreement will be automatically renewed for that member.

During the next three years, the GATHC is expected to receive approximately \$2 million in HOME Program funds and an additional \$2.6 million in HOME American Rescue Plan funds. The funds will be used throughout the GATHC region for closing cost and down payment assistance for eligible first-time home buyers, the rehabilitation of owner-occupied properties, and the development of affordable housing units. We believe that HOME Program funds have been very beneficial to both communities and families in the past, and we are confident that success will continue in the future.



Thank you for your attention to this matter as well as for your partnership in the GATHC. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (508) 821-1030.

Sincerely,



William D. Roth, Jr., Executive Director  
City of Taunton/OECD

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