



February 23, 2011

Mayor Mike Amyx
Vice-Mayor Aron Cromwell
Commissioner Lance Johnson
Commissioner Michael Dever
Commissioner Robert Chestnut
City Hall
6 East 6th Street
PO Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: 2011 HUD Budget Information

Dear Mayor Amyx and City Commissioners:

As you know, Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA), provides public housing and Section 8 housing vouchers for 1086 residents of the City of Lawrence. The proposed cuts of approximately \$100 billion in housing and community development programs - including 60% for the CDBG program, 40% for the Public Housing Capital Fund, and 20% for Section 8 program administration - would result in the estimated loss of about \$252,432.00 in LDCHA's public housing program and \$121,818 in its Section 8 housing choice vouchers program. This would have an immediate and detrimental effect on LDCHA's public housing program, which provides safe, decent, and affordable housing, and a devastating impact on the ability to maintain the public housing property owned by the City.

LDCHA is also a recipient of funds from the City of Lawrence to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to homeless families and individuals through the HOME program. Depending on how the cuts are implemented there could be a significant reduction in our current (2010) HOME grant that is the funding subsidy for Transitional Housing tenants. Currently there are 38 households under HOME TBRA contracts through this grant. LDCHA has also applied for 2011 HOME funding to continue that program. These cuts could prevent LDCHA from housing additional people from the waiting list. There are currently 43 households on that list.

The majority, 708, of LDCHA's residents are elderly or disabled. These cuts will jeopardize the agency's ability to provide affordable housing for many of the community's most vulnerable population. Thank you for your support of these programs, and your efforts to maintain the funding.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 830-2250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Oury".

Shannon Oury
Executive Director