The City of North Miami ("City") is a recipient of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME").

The City has received an application from Mrs. Etta Miller, an income eligible applicant, relative of an employee at the City, working in the capacity of an Account Clerk for the Finance Department to participate in the North Miami Emergency Elderly Program. The Federal Government’s Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Section 92.356(c) states that:

“(b) Conflicts Prohibited. The general rule is that no person described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity or have a financial interest in any contract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or one year thereafter…"

“(c) Persons Covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the participating jurisdiction, State recipient, or sub-recipients which are receiving HOME funds.”

Exception

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may grant an exception to these provisions and allow Mrs. Etta Miller to receive assistance from the North Miami Emergency Elderly Program, providing the City publicly discloses the nature of the potential conflict in addition to retrieving an opinion from the City Attorney that the interest(s) for which we are seeking the exception is not in violation of State or local law.

The potential conflict of interest in this case arises from the fact that Mrs. Etta Miller is related to an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of CDBG funding.

The City Attorney’s office has reviewed all documentation for this application and issued a legal opinion regarding the potential conflict(s) of interest. In their opinion, the application of Mrs. Miller, does not violate State or local law or any City administrative policies.

Public Comment

Residents are encouraged to review the complete opinion and provide written comments. Copies of the opinion are available for review at the Housing & Social Services satellite office located at 13753 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, Florida 33168; North Miami City Hall located at 776 NE 125th Street, North Miami, FL 33161 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and City’s website, during the 10-day period to commence on 09/07/2021 and end on 09/20/2021. Comments may be submitted to the Housing & Social Services Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to housing@northmiamifl.gov.

City of North Miami
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