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Deborah Monahan
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Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.
1 Sylvandale Road
Jewett City, CT 06351

Re: CT Center of Excellence (COE) Developed Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Organizational Standards Review and Technical Assistance Plan (TAP) FFY 2020

Dear Ms. Monahan:

Thank you for Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.'s (TVCCA) submission of its CT COE CSBG Organizational Standards Checklist and supporting documentation. As you are aware, Information Transmittal No. 138 re: "State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities under 678B of the CSBG Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9914" requires "States, no later than FY 2016, to establish and report on their organizational standards for CSBG eligible entities as part of an enhanced system for accountability and performance management across the CSBG Network." Since your agency was not scheduled for an on-site triennial monitoring visit, the Office of Community Services (OCS) assessed TVCCA's compliance with each of the Organizational Standards through a desk review of materials uploaded into your assigned file directory. This communication is to advise you of the review results, and provide you with feedback. Review totals for TVCCA are listed below:

Number of Standards Determined to be "Met" – **58**
Number of Standards Determined to be "Not Met" – **0**

The attached Checklist includes DSS' status determinations for each Organizational Standard and details, in the *DSS Comments* column, justification for the determination as well information in order to maintain "Met" status for the next annual review. It is recommended that this commentary be taken into consideration when addressing the FY22 submission.

OCS would like to congratulate TVCCA on meeting all fifty-eight organizational standards. The Department appreciates TVCCA's commitment to the COE Organizational Standards process. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning this communication or either of its attachments, please do not hesitate to contact me (860) 424-4874 or gretchen.yelmini@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Yelmini (electronic signature)

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Enclosures

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