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Dear Mr. Nelson,

As you know, the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has been reviewing elements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program (LHC) as part of our American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) oversight initiative.

During the OIG's initial review of LHC sub-grantees funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), one sub-grantee, Twin Cities Community Development Corporation (Twin Cities), informed the OIG that it has not yet spent any of its \$160,000 grant funds and may not be able to due to the grant timetable and restrictions. If these funds remain unspent, they must be returned to HUD and the lead abatement and job creation goals of this ARRA grant will remain unmet.

The OIG recommends that DHCD review this award to Twin Cities and determine whether reallocating these funds to other sub-grantees with the capacity to use these funds is advisable at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or to request further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in our review.

Sincerely,

Neil Cohen  
Deputy Inspector General

cc: Steve Carvalho, Chief of Staff, DHCD