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Dear Peter:

We are requesting that an additional \$38,000 in funding be added to our current THP HOPWA contract. This additional funding would be used entirely for client rents and related costs (security deposits, moving costs, utilities).

The addition of \$38,000 to the program would make a substantial difference in the number of clients we could serve. On average, we pay rents of \$730 a month for individuals and \$900 for families with children. With \$38,000 additional funding, between November 2008 and May 2009 (the end of the contract period), we could provide rental assistance for 7 more individuals or 6 families with children, or some combination of the two. THP is a dynamic program with clients consistently leaving the program primarily because after having spent some time in THP, they have stabilized and become eligible for some type of permanent subsidized housing. This factor combined with the additional funding would allow us to open our waiting list and serve more clients.

This program year we have the least amount of rent assistance funding available for THP clients that we have had in several years. This occurs during a very challenging economic period for these clients whose average income is less than \$9,000 annually. As you know, last program year we received an additional \$90,935 in carryover funding and previous to that, we had a grant for additional funding from DHS-OEO of approximately \$45,000 that we no longer receive.

We did not ask for this additional funding this past summer simply because we believed incorrectly that \$392,000 was the total amount of funding that would be available to us. We knew that this would not meet the program demand, but it is a very substantial grant and we were (and are) very pleased to have this for our THP program. In addition, the development department at MAP continues to seek funding from corporations and foundations and has secured nearly \$10,000 for the THP program this year.

Thank you for your willingness to consider an addition to MAP's HOPWA grant. We are happy to provide any further information you might need.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Teel  
Executive Director