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Sweetwater County Commission
Tripartite Board
80 West Flaming Gorge Way
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Dear Board Members:

As you are aware, the enabling legislation for the CSBG (Community Services Block Grant Program) beginning in FFY 2000 necessitated the forming of tripartite governing boards in order to be designated as CSBG "eligible entities," and ultimately, eligible to apply for CSBG funds. Specifically, the legislation is the "Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1993" or the "Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1993" (P.L. 105-235).

I am pleased to inform you that the Sweetwater County Tripartite Board has been designated by my office as an official "eligible entity" for CSBG purposes.

I am very pleased and impressed with both the processes used to establish the governing board, as well as the finished product. I fully realize the time and effort expended in order to establish the board. I sincerely believe that these efforts will greatly improve the development, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and overall management of the CSBG program on behalf of our low-income citizens. I further believe that the State of Wyoming's CSBG goals to: (1) reduce and/or eliminate poverty; (2) revitalize low-income communities; and (3) empower low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient has much more potential for success because of this system of governance.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to work with the Sweetwater Planning Office, most particularly, Mark Kot and Krisina Marchal, who both spent much time and effort with this venture.

If my office can be of assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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