

April 12, 2019

Ms. Liz Chavez, Development Services Manager
City of Upland
460 North Euclid Avenue
Upland, CA 91786

Dear Mr. Chavez:

Subject: 2019-20 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Upland Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (ROPS 19-20) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 30, 2019. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 19-20.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 23–2016 Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds is reclassified from Reserve Balances to Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF). The Agency inadvertently identified \$64,446 from Reserve Balances; however, the San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller (CAC) identified those funds as the ROPS 16-17 prior period adjustment. As described below, the prior period adjustment will be deducted from the total ROPS 19-20 RPTTF distribution. Therefore, Finance is reducing Reserve Balances by \$64,446 and increasing RPTTF by \$64,446, approving zero in Reserve Balances and \$647,688 in RPTTF, totaling \$647,688 for this item.
- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, Finance notes the Oversight Board (OB) has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the obligations listed on the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the OB to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the OB to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources necessary to successfully wind-down the Agency.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations. Reported differences in RPTTF are used to offset current RPTTF distributions. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table on Page 3 includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's review of the prior period adjustment form submitted by the Agency.

Except for the items adjusted, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on the ROPS 19-20. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 19-20, except items that are the subject of litigation disputing our previous or related determinations, the Agency may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available on our website:

http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet_And_Confer/

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$3,325,059 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on Page 3 (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1 through December 31 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1 through June 30 period (ROPS B period) based on Finance approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 19-20 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 19-20. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a denial by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to be denied until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 19-20 form submitted by the Agency and this determination letter will be posted on our website:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This determination is effective for the ROPS 19-20 period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of redevelopment dissolution law. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax increment is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Jackson, Supervisor, or Michael Barr, Lead Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



JENNIFER WHITAKER
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Melecio Picazo, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Upland
Ms. Linda Santillano, Property Tax Manager, San Bernardino County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020			
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period	ROPS 19-20 Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 2,625,021	\$ 450,039	\$ 3,075,060
Administrative RPTTF Requested	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Requested	2,750,021	575,039	3,325,060
RPTTF Requested	2,625,021	450,039	3,075,060
<u>Adjustment</u>			
Item No. 23	64,446	0	64,446
RPTTF Authorized	2,689,467	450,039	3,139,506
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Authorized for Obligations	2,814,467	575,039	3,389,506
Prior Period Adjustment	(64,447)	0	(64,447)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 2,750,020	\$ 575,039	\$ 3,325,059