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John D Noak Village President Village of Romeoville 1050 West Romeo Road Romeoville, IL 60446-1530

Dear Mr. Noak.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the Department) would like to welcome you to our community of grantees and congratulate you on your grant award (25-203238).

The Department administers a wide range of economic and workforce development programs, services and initiatives designed to create and retain high quality jobs and build strong communities. The Department leads the Illinois economic development process in partnership with businesses, local governments, workers and families.

When administering grant programs, the Department follows guidance from the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (44 III. Admin. Code Part 7000) and federal uniform guidance (2CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

To ensure your organization achieves its goals and objectives and remains in compliance with the grant terms, we have provided a few helpful resources and tips to get you started:

- Read and understand your grant agreement. The grant agreement outlines grant requirements and programmatic deliverables.
- 2. Frequent our Grantee Resource Site to review tutorials on the grant process (go to www.illinois.gov/dceo, click on Grant Opportunities and Grantee Resource Site).
- 3. Maintain your organization's profile on the Illinois GATA Grantee Portal at grants.illinois.gov/portal (i.e. confirm organization and contact information, monitor pre-qualification status, make indirect cost elections and comply with audit requirements).
- 4. Keep all relevant grant-related documents during the required record retention period. This includes receipts and proof of payment for all grant expenditures, such as, invoices, proposals, contracts, procurement bids, statements of work, bank statements, copies of check and ACH/Wire Transfer documentation. (Please refer to your grant agreement for the record retention period).
- 5. If your organization expends over \$300,000 in state or federal grant funds during its fiscal year, a financial statement or single audit may be required. Please note, this expense may not be covered with grant funds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your grant manager.

Sincerely.

Kristin A. Richards

Director