Qs and Comments that Lack Understanding of Strings Attached to HUD Grants

We have taken these grants for years and never had a problem.

We are not a wealthy community. We should not be affected by all this.

HUD has said it will not change zoning in a community.

Well we need the money what do you want to do... raise taxes?

We are asking for money for infrastructure...sewer lines, road patches. This has nothing to do with affordable housing.

What can they do to us...take back the money?

We don't discriminate we have all types of people in our town.

We have no pockets of poverty in our town, so they shouldn't bother us.

If we don't like what they propose, we just don't take the money.

We already have affordable housing in our town, why would HUD bother us?

Some Questions That Should Be Asked

Why are other towns rejecting these grants? Have you spoken to them?

How closely must our AFFH plans align with the region we are placed in?

What happens if we don't like the region's zoning laws and other plans and disagree?

What limits are placed on HUD in controlling local decisions and outcomes?

What do you mean by economic segregation/integration or eliminating disparities in access to opportunity? What does "access to opportunity" mean? Measured how?

If some schools in my town are performing better than others, does that mean we must rezone our school districts to achieve "balance"?

If we identify barriers to Fair Housing in our town, aren't we confessing violations to HUD?

Can we try this out and then pull out of we don't like it.

What if we send in our Fair Housing Assessment and plans to resolve any impediments to the AFFH can we get written assurance from HUD that we will be immune from lawsuits.

What does an "integrated and balanced lifetstyle" mean. Exactly how would that be measured?

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