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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence has announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Muncie with grant funding totaling $1,999,351.

**"I am pleased to announce that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City of Muncie two grants totaling nearly $2 million. The first is a $1,443,305 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the second is a HOME program grant in the amount of $556,046.**

**"I congratulate Mayor Sharon McShurley as well as city and county officials for their hard work and leadership in securing these vital resources for their constituents. This is welcome news in very difficult times."**

BACKGROUND:

The Community Development Block Grants program provides annual grants to States and local units of government to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

The HOME program provides housing assistance and related supportive services to local units of government, States, and non-profit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.