



# Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

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Roy D. Tucker  
City Attorney  
City of Muskogee  
229 W. Okmulgee  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

Re: Civitan Park, Lease

Dear Mr. Tucker;

Please find this letter in response to your request for assistance in the City of Muskogee's efforts to obtain grant funds to make improvements to Civitan Park which is maintained and operated by the City under a long running lease from the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. The matter of approval of the lease renewal will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services on February 13, 2017. While the Commission is the ultimate authority on the terms and approval of the lease, we see no reason they will not readily agree with your efforts and approve the lease renewal.

As owner of the real property known as Civitan Park, held by the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma ("City") by renewable lease, the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services does hereby express its intent to consent to the compliance responsibility required by Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act ("LWCF") in the event of default or non-renewal of the lease.

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services also agrees to work with the City to prepare a lease renewal to incorporate this compliance provision for consideration at the next meeting of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services. We understand that the City intends to make application for grant funding under the LWCF for improvements to Civitan Park, including construction of restroom and picnic facilities, new seating, lighting and a drinking fountain. We have been assured by the City of its intent to continue to lease and operate Civitan Park for the benefit of the Citizens of Muskogee in perpetuity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noel A. Tyler".

Noel A. Tyler, Interim Director  
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