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The Honorable Pete Panepinto  
Mayor, City of Hammond  
Post Office Box 2788  
Hammond, Louisiana 70404

Dear Mayor Panepinto:

I am happy to inform you that I have approved the FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors application for the City of Hammond in an amount up to \$400,000. The City of Hammond proposes improvements at Martin Luther King and Zemurray Parks to include a wheelchair accessible merry-go-round, an inclusive seesaw-like rocker, swings and other accessible playground equipment, a walking trail, benches, and picnic areas with barbeque pits, and picnic pavilions in an effort to encourage outdoor physical activity, maintain social distancing, and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

An authorization to incur costs letter will be forthcoming. Costs cannot be incurred prior to receipt of this authorization.

Congratulations, and I wish you every success in implementing your project. If you have any questions relative to the CDBG-CV requirements, please do not hesitate to call Traci Watts at (225) 342-7412.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

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cc: Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration  
The Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator  
The Honorable Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., State Representative  
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