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**BULLETIN**                      **06-1**

**SUBJECT:**                      Identity Theft Protection Act

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**ATTENTION:**                 All CDBG Recipients

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform grantees of the new law passed that governs the collection and maintenance of social security numbers.

The law is an effort to reduce the problem of identity theft. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients need to avoid collecting or using social security numbers unless their use is truly necessary for the program. Where the collection of this information is necessary, we require the recipient to take affirmative steps to limit dissemination of the information and protect it from inadvertent or improper disclosure.

The recipient should also protect from disclosure other types of identifying information, including employer tax identification numbers, driver's license numbers, checking and saving account numbers, credit and debit card numbers.

As you are aware, identity theft is becoming an increasing concern. Therefore, effective the date of this bulletin, the Identity Theft Protection Act is in effect.

If you have questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your Grants Management Representative at (919) 733-2850 or TDD 1-800-735-2962.

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