

EXHIBIT 2-J

FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

(Sample - Complete on Local Government Letterhead)

(Date)

(Name of CDBG liaison)

Montana Department of Commerce
Community Development Division
301 S. Park
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Dear *(Name of CDBG liaison)*:

It is the finding of the *(Name of Grantee: City, Town or County of _____)*, Montana, that the following activities approved for funding under the Montana CDBG program are defined as categorically excluded under 24 Part 58.35 of the Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Programs, and that these activities are in compliance with the environmental requirements of related federal authorities. The activities and the statutory authority for exclusion are listed below:

List applicable activities, descriptions, and authority. **For example:**

1. *Second Street Improvements -- Paving of previously graveled road.*
Authority -- Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): improvements replace or upgrade existing facilities.
2. *Local Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program -- Rehabilitation of 20 owner-occupied, single-family homes.*
Authority -- Section 58.35(a)(4): Rehabilitation and improvements within the specified guidelines.

Compliance with the environmental requirements of other federal authorities is indicated on the attached Statutory Checklist.

Sincerely,

Signature of Environmental Certifying
Official or Chief Elected Official