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R8-Recovery

May 8, 2020

Mr. Kris Hamlet, Director
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Re: Time Extension Request for Non-Congregate Sheltering FEMA-4525-DR-UT

Director Hamlet:

This is in response to your letter dated May 6, 2020, requesting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approve a time extension for emergency, non-congregate sheltering (Emergency NCS) activities until the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response is over. Your letter cites the continued need as directed in the May 7, 2020 “State Public Health Order on Non-Congregate Sheltering.”

FEMA policy generally limits the timeframe that a recipient or subrecipient can conduct Emergency NCS to no more than 30 days.¹ The State of Utah (Recipient) was approved for statewide Emergency NCS on April 8, 2020 for an initial period of 30 days, or April 7, 2020 to May 7, 2020. In response to the pandemic, FEMA issued additional guidance that Emergency NCS should be approved in increments of 30 days, or less if a reassessment determines there is no longer a public health need. In addition, the approved increment should not exceed the duration of the order of the state or local public health officer.²

Based on the information and justification provided, I am partially approving the additional time requested, and limiting this time extension to 30 days. The new end date for Emergency NCS is June 7, 2020, unless the public health needs terminate earlier. My approval is subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth in my April 8, 2020 statewide approval for Utah. Furthermore, my approval of a time extension is not a determination of eligibility for shelters that have been in operation or will be in the future. Eligibility determinations related to work and cost per shelter will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the subgrant application process.

¹ *Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide*, FP 104-009-2, at 67 (April 1, 2018) (PAPPG).
See also 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.403 and 200.404.

² FEMA FAQ - Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic: Non-congregate Sheltering (March 21, 2020).

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Prior to the expiration of the approved June 7, 2020 end date, the Recipient must submit a re-assessment of the continuing need for Emergency NCS from a State public health official, as well as a detailed justification for the continuing need for Emergency NCS.³

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact Ryan Pietramali, Recovery Division Director, at (303) 235-4836.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

³ PAPPG, at 67.