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Mr. Michael Sprayberry, Director  
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Reference: North Carolina Statewide Request for Non-Congregate Sheltering  
Request to Extend Non-Congregate Sheltering Approval of April 6, 2020  
FEMA-4487-DR-NC

Dear Mr. Sprayberry:

This is in response to the State of North Carolina's (State) request submitted on May 1, 2020, requesting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approve an extension to the deadline for non-congregate sheltering from May 7 to June 6, 2020 as a result of the Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) public health emergency. Since FEMA's approval, the State has housed 598 individuals in non-congregate sheltering. As of April 30, 2020, the State has had 10,509 residents infected with COVID-19, 546 hospitalized, and 378 fatalities across 98 of 100 counties as a result.

In accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the referenced COVID-19 emergency, at the direction or guidance of state, local, tribal, and territorial public health officials, may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's PA program if necessary to save lives, protect improved property, or public health and safety, and/or lessen or avert the threat of catastrophes.

Based on my review of your request and the information provided, I am approving your request to extend the deadline for emergency non-congregate sheltering to June 6, 2020, unless public health needs or the public health official's order based on the governor's executive order terminates sooner.

Below are the State Executive Orders and State Health Department Advisory's and Declarations that FEMA has on file.

- Governor’s Executive Order 116 – Dated March 10, 2020 – Declaring a state of emergency to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Governor’s Executive Order 117, 118, and 120 – Between March 14 – March 23, 2020 – Closing schools, dine-in services and some businesses in an effort to create additional social distancing.
- Governor’s Executive Order 121 – Between March 30 – April 29, 2020 – Directs people to stay at home, except to visit essential businesses, to exercise outdoors or to help a family member; bans gatherings of more than 10 people; and, directs everyone to physically stay at least six feet apart from others.
- Governor’s Executive Order 135 – April 23, 2020 – Extending the stay at home order and orders limiting mass gatherings, requiring social distancing, and restricting visitation at long term care facilities.
- State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services directive to the state, counties and jurisdictions to take appropriate measures to mitigate and respond to the COVID-19 disease pandemic that is affecting our state, country and the world, including creating plans and operationalizing non-congregate sheltering dated April 30, 2020.

**My approval is subject to and conditioned by all the terms outlined in FEMA’s approval letter dated April 6, 2020.**

In addition, please ensure any future extension requests from the Applicant include, at a minimum, the number of individuals being sheltered by each local provider, average length of stay, underlying need/condition requiring emergency non-congregate sheltering (for instance, total number of persons who fit into one of the three categories approved for non-congregate sheltering during those timeframes), types of wrap-around services being provided, and average cost per individual. In addition, in preparation for a potential transition of non-congregate sheltering of homeless individuals to Housing and Urban Development, please provide the information separately for that population.

FEMA may provide funding for eligible costs for the establishment of non-congregate sheltering as outlined above in 30-day increments or less if a re-assessment determines there is no longer a public health need, but not to exceed the duration of the Order of the State Public Health Officer. The State must provide a re-assessment from the State Public Health Officer at each 30-day interval that includes certification that a threat to lives, public health, or safety exists, and that measures to eliminate or lessen that threat are required. **The reassessment must be submitted 30 days from the date of this letter.**

The State will need to continue to maintain tracking mechanisms to provide sufficient data and documentation to establish the eligibility of costs for which it is requesting PA funding (including the need for non-congregate sheltering of each individual, costs and length of stay to include when they are no longer determined to be infected and therefore do not require quarantine). As with any activity, lack of sufficient support documentation may result in FEMA determining that some or all of the costs are ineligible.

In conjunction with this approval for Non-Congregate Sheltering, the following information for each operational site shall be reported to the Region IV Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) by COB each Monday for the duration of the sheltering operations.

- Location Name
- Location Address
- Building Type (Hotel/Motel, Dormitory, etc.)
- Maximum Capacity
- Current Number of Individuals Sheltered (as of midnight the previous day)

Reporting of the above information shall be emailed to the below email addresses:

[R04-RRCC-ICMG@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:R04-RRCC-ICMG@fema.dhs.gov)

[R04-RRCC-SITL@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:R04-RRCC-SITL@fema.dhs.gov)

[R4-Recovery-COVID-19@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:R4-Recovery-COVID-19@fema.dhs.gov)

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Mr. Terry L. Quarles, CEM, Director, Recovery Division, at (770) 220-5300.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator