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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Administrators
FEMA Regions I – X

ATTENTION: Regional Recovery Division Directors

FROM: Keith Turi
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SUBJECT: Issuance of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency: Coordinating Public Assistance and Other Sources of Federal Funding Fact Sheet

The purpose of this memorandum is to issue the attached Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency: Coordinating Public Assistance and Other Sources of Federal Funding Fact Sheet.

The President’s March 13, 2020, COVID-19 nationwide emergency declaration and subsequent major disaster declarations authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide Public Assistance (PA) Program funding under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government entities and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures. For COVID-19, Congress authorized over $3 trillion to multiple federal agencies to provide assistance to SLTTs in addressing the effects of the public health emergency pandemic. The extensive COVID-19 authority of other federal agencies in some cases overlaps with FEMA’s authority. As a result, FEMA is releasing this fact sheet to provide clear guidance on how FEMA will treat these multiple sources of funding as they relate to the PA Program and its cost share requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Traci Brasher, Acting Director, Public Assistance Division at traci.brasher@fema.dhs.gov.

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