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Michael S. Yenni
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Dear Mr. Yenni:

Pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (the Act), the Department has awarded a grant of \$16,453,000 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (B-13-US-22-0001). These funds have been fully obligated to the grantee under five obligations. Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, obligated funds must be expended within 24-months following obligation, unless an extension of that deadline has been approved by HUD.

On May 11, 2015, the Department published a *Federal Register* Notice outlining the process and criteria for a grantee receiving funds under the Act to receive an extension of an expenditure deadline (80 FR 26942). On April 1, 2019, Jefferson Parish submitted the CDBG-DR Expenditure Deadline Extension Request as required by the Notice, with a request to extend the expenditure deadline for a portion of the grant funds. The amount of funds that will be extended are shown below by program category and obligation round. The grantee may make budget adjustments between Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) activities within each identified program category and obligation round, however, funds may not be adjusted between these categories or obligation rounds without express authorization from HUD as defined in the May 11, 2015, *Federal Register* Notice.

| Program Category | Amount Extended* |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Administration (Round 5) | \$150,000.00 |
| Housing (Round 5) | \$5,112,855.95 |
| Infrastructure (Round 5) | \$2,264,588.28 |
| Total: | \$7,527,444.23 |

* The Amount Extended represents the sum of the balance remaining for the DRGR Activities included in the grantee's extension request within each Program Category and Obligation Round as of the date of this letter.

As outlined in the Notice, the Department has assessed the Expenditure Deadline Extension Request to ensure the revised expenditure deadline is sufficient, and the grantee's projection of quarterly expenditures are achievable based on the grantee's past performance and expenditure rate. The Department has concluded that the grantee's requested timeline appears to be achievable, and the extension is granted as requested. The Department is approving Jefferson Parish's request to extend the time for the expenditure of funds identified above until September 30, 2022.

Within 30 calendar days of this notice, the grantee must make amendments to its written Action Plan and Quarterly Expenditure Projections that may be needed to reflect the extension. The Department will coordinate with the grantee to revise the DRGR Action Plan and Block Dates as needed, and to take any other appropriate action.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs.

Sincerely,



Jessie Handforth Kome
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Office of Block Grant Assistance