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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators

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FROM: Keith Turi

Assistant Administrator Recovery Directorate

SUBJECT: 100% Federal Cost Share for COVID-19 Public Assistance Funding

On January 21, 2021, the President issued a *Memorandum to Extend Federal Support to Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Increase Reimbursement and Other Assistance Provided to States.* On February 2, 2021, the President issued a *Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.* On January 22, 2021, I issued a memorandum implementing the cost-share adjustment for vaccination-related work under Public Assistance, Category B Emergency Protective Measures. This memorandum provides guidance to adjust the cost share for all other eligible work for COVID-19 declarations.

While we are still developing guidance to implement Presidential memoranda provisions related to safe opening and operations, FEMA will increase the federal cost share from 75% to 100% for eligible work performed or to be performed from January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021. FEMA will begin to process eligible projects not yet awarded with 100% federal funding. For previously awarded projects, FEMA will obligate additional funding to increase the federal funding from 75% to 100%. To minimize the administrative burden and expedite assistance, FEMA will obligate the additional 25% on each project via automatic amendments. FEMA will bulk process amendments by declaration. Previously awarded donated resource projects must be de-obligated.

Please work with your Recipients to coordinate this action and have your Infrastructure Branch Director inform your Consolidated Resource Center when you are ready to proceed with cost-share adjustments. Prior to the next appropriation, FEMA will continue to prioritize funding for vaccination distribution and administration and other active pandemic response operations. For any questions, please contact Ana Montero, Director, Public Assistance Division.

cc: David Bibo, Associate Administrator (Acting), Office of Response and Recovery Ana Montero, Director, Public Assistance Division

¹ For previously awarded projects, Recipients and Subrecipients must continue to comply with <u>FEMA Fact Sheet:</u> <u>Coordinating Public Assistance and Other Sources of Federal Funding (June 2020)</u> and Subrecipient certifications regarding duplication of benefits. To the extent a Recipient or Subrecipient has or was planning to use funding from another source such as the <u>U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund</u>, to fund project costs including the non-Federal cost share, the Subrecipient must, prior to project closure:

a) request an updated version to amend their project and reduce the FEMA funding, or

b) repurpose the funding from the other source in accordance with the source's rules and guidance.