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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Fiscal Year 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Recipients
All Fiscal Year 2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program Recipients
All Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant COVID-19 Supplemental Program Recipients

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SUBJECT: **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety Program, Fiscal Year 2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, and Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant COVID-19 Supplemental Program Notices of Funding Opportunity and Awards**

I. Purpose

This Information Bulletin (IB) modifies the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program, the FY 2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program, and the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) Program reporting, period of performance, and amendment requirements contained in their respective Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) acknowledges the lack of functionality for reporting and amendments via the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. In response, FEMA is providing a one-time, 12-month extension to the subset of FY 2019 FP&S Program and FY 2019 SAFER Program awards with an initial period of performance of 12 months and all FY 2020 AFG-S Program awards. FY 2019 FP&S Program and FY 2019 SAFER Program recipients that were awarded a 12-month period of performance and all FY 2020 AFG-S Program recipients will not need to request an amendment to receive this one-time, 12-month extension to their period of performance. FEMA

will automatically provide the extension to the current end of the period of performance listed within these grant awards. All recipients will be notified with amended award documentation for their files.

Further, FEMA is delaying the timelines for required financial and performance reports for all FY 2019 FP&S Program, FY 2019 SAFER Program, and FY 2020 AFG-S Program recipients. Although FY 2019 FP&S Program, FY 2019 SAFER Program, and FY 2020 AFG-S Program recipients are still required to submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) and performance reports, that requirement is deferred for all FY 2019 FP&S Program, FY 2019 SAFER Program, and FY 2020 AFG-S Program recipients until the FEMA GO system functionality has been successfully deployed. Recipients will be provided with a timeline for submission of these reports as soon as it is available.

II. Applicability

This IB applies to all FY 2020 AFG-S recipients, in part to those FY 2019 FP&S Program and FY 2019 SAFER Program recipients with 12-month periods of performance, and in part to all FY 2019 FP&S Program and FY 2019 SAFER Program recipients.

III. Guidance

- A. The terms of the original FY 2020 AFG-S Program NOFO released on April 23, 2020 required recipients to submit an amendment requesting a period of performance extension for the project, as discussed on pages 21 and 22 of the FY 2020 AFG-S Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are waived for this one-time extension in the FY 2020 AFG-S Program. The NOFO requirements for extensions will apply for any additional extension requests.

Further, the terms of the original FY 2020 AFG-S Program NOFO required recipients to submit a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) and a Programmatic Performance Report (PPR) on a semi-annual basis, as discussed on pages 18 and 19 of the FY 2020 AFG-S Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are deferred for all FY 2020 AFG-S Program recipients until the FEMA GO system functionality is available. Recipients will be provided additional guidance on submitting these reports, when available.

- B. The terms of the original FY 2019 FP&S Program NOFO released on April 21, 2020 required recipients to submit an amendment requesting a period of performance extension for the project, as discussed on pages 32 and 33 of the FY 2019 FP&S Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are waived for this one-time extension in the FY 2019 FP&S Program for those recipients that have awards with an initial 12-month period of performance. The NOFO requirements for extensions will apply for any additional extension requests for those recipients that have awards with an initial 12-month period of performance and for any extension requests for recipients that have awards with an initial 24- or 36-month period of performance.

Further, the terms of the original FY 2019 FP&S Program NOFO required recipients to submit a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) and a PPR on a semi-annual basis, as discussed on pages 29 and 30 of the FY 2019 FP&S Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are deferred for all FY 2019 FP&S Program recipients until the FEMA GO system functionality is available. Recipients will be provided additional guidance on submitting these reports, when available.

- C. The terms of the original FY 2019 SAFER Program NOFO released on April 7, 2020 required recipients to submit an amendment requesting a period of performance extension for the project, as discussed on pages 27 and 28 of the FY 2019 SAFER Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are waived for this one-time extension in the FY 2019 SAFER Program for those recipients that have awards with an initial 12-month period of performance. The NOFO requirements for extensions will apply for any additional extension requests for those recipients that have awards with an initial 12-month period of performance and for any extension requests for recipients that have awards with an initial 24-, 36-, or 48-month period of performance.

Further, the terms of the original FY 2019 SAFER Program NOFO required recipients to submit a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) on a semi-annual basis and a PPR on a quarterly basis, as discussed on page 24 of the FY 2019 SAFER Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are deferred for all FY 2019 SAFER Program recipients until the FEMA GO system functionality is available. Recipients will be provided additional guidance on submitting these reports, when available.

IV. Questions

Any questions regarding this IB may be directed to your AFG, SAFER, or FP&S Program Preparedness Officer (PO) or the AFG Program Help Desk at firegrants@fema.dhs.gov or (866) 274-0960, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.