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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Recipients

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SUBJECT: **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity and Awards**

I. Purpose

This Information Bulletin (IB) modifies the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program reporting, period of performance, and amendment requirements contained in the 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 all FY 2019 AFG Program awards. Further, FEMA is delaying the timelines for required financial and performance reports.

FY 2019 AFG 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 all grant awards. All recipients will be notified with amended award documentation for their files.

Although FY 2019 AFG recipients are still required to submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) and performance reports, that requirement is deferred 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 FY 2019 AFG recipients.

III. Guidance

- A. The terms of the original FY 2019 AFG Program NOFO released on February 20, 2020 required recipients to submit an amendment requesting a period of performance extension for the project, as discussed on pages 23 and 24 of the FY 2019 AFG 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 AFG Program. The NOFO requirements for extensions will apply for any additional extension requests.

- B. The terms of the original FY 2019 AFG Program NOFO released on February 20, 2020 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 20 and 21 of the FY 2019 AFG Program NOFO, which can be found on the FEMA [website](#). As directed by this IB, these requirements are deferred for the FY 2019 AFG Program 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 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. ET.