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Message to Grant Recipients on Manual Review Process

Dear Recipient,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is taking swift action to ensure the alignment of its grant programs with Secretary Noem's direction. In accordance with this direction, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are instituting additional reviews on all grant payments and obligations to ensure allowability, as permitted by 2 C.F.R Part 200.

Effective immediately, FEMA and DHS are conducting additional reviews of allocations before releasing funds for all grants. These actions will ensure that funding is obligated and disbursed in line with the Secretary's direction so that we can continue to support and prioritize communities and disaster survivors who rely on FEMA for assistance. Upon completion of reviews, approved funding will be processed through the respective grant systems. Per 2 C.F.R. Part 200, payment requests may take up to 30 days to process depending on the size and scope of the submission. If additional information is needed, a request for information will be issued, and the timeline may be extended.

As part of the manual review of your payment request, FEMA strongly encourages recipients to include the following information when submitting new payment requests:

- Will this disbursement go to any subrecipients, and if so, which ones?
- What is the total amount of funds going to each subrecipient?
- What activities will be funded by this disbursement?
- What is the time period covered by this payment request?

For existing payment requests currently in the system, FEMA will reach out if additional information is needed. Please note that if FEMA does not receive this information, payment requests will not be processed.

Should guidance be updated or changed, we will notify recipients that this information is no longer requested.

For questions, please reach out to your designated FEMA point of contact for the specific grant award.

Thank you,

FEMA Grant Programs Directorate

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