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**FEMA**

June 4, 2020

Sima S. Merick  
Executive Director  
Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
2855 West Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, OH 43235-2206

Dear Ms. Merick:

This is in response to your letter dated May 28, 2020 requesting an extension to Ohio's approval for emergency non-congregate sheltering activities under the Public Assistance (PA) program. In accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the referenced Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency, at the direction or guidance of state, local, tribal, and territorial public health officials, may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's PA program if necessary to save lives, protect improved property, or public health and safety, and/or lessen or avert the threat of catastrophes.

Based on my review of your request and supporting documentation, I am providing a conditional approval of your extension request. This approval is subject to and conditioned by all of the same factors outlined in my initial letter and remains effective for the lesser of 30 days or the effective date of your governing public health decree.

Please note that any future extension requests must include, at a minimum, the number of individuals being sheltered by each local provider, average length of stay, underlying need/condition requiring emergency NCS, types of wrap-around services being provided, and average cost per individual. In addition, in preparation for a potential transition of NCS of homeless individuals to HUD, please provide the information separately for that population.

For more information on the implementation of the non-congregate sheltering, please contact my Recovery Director, Fred Kaehler at [Fredric.Kaehler@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Fredric.Kaehler@fema.dhs.gov) or call at 312.718.6459.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James K. Joseph".

James K. Joseph  
Regional Administrator