



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Gracia B. Szczech
Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV
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Re: FEMA-4630-DR-KY Public Assistance Category B Period of Performance Extension

Dear Ms. Szczech:

On December 10, 2021, the Commonwealth of Kentucky experienced the most devastating tornado event in the state's history. Overnight more than 10,000 residents were adversely affected. Many were displaced following the destruction or major damage to their homes. On December 12, 2021, major disaster declaration 4630-DR-KY was approved.

To ensure rapid community restoration in the Commonwealth, Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) instituted the Commonwealth Sheltering Program (CSP). The CSP has allowed tornado survivors from the 16 counties in the federal disaster area to shelter in Kentucky State Parks, privately operated hotels, and travel trailer units.

As of June 12, 2022, six (6) months following the data of the declaration, 323 individuals remained in non-congregate shelters, including 94 households sheltered in travel trailers, who could not return to their pre-incident homes or new housing options.

As of today, there are 69 households, comprised of 162 individuals, still requiring non-congregate sheltering.

KYEM continues to actively manage the CSP and proactively encourages the survivors to develop and execute long-term housing plans utilizing direct communications between survivors and KYEM field team staff. Interviews with sheltered survivors indicate that many have more permanent housing solutions that will materialize in the coming months, however; there remains a shortage of permanent housing options in the impacted area.

The Commonwealth cannot stop providing safe, sanitary, and secure shelter for the survivors of the December tornadoes who currently do not have viable alternatives. Once all applicants have obtained a housing solution or have been afforded the opportunity, the CSP will terminate. Be

assured, as long as there are citizens of the Commonwealth in need, we will continue this emergency work diligently to meet those needs.

As a recipient of funds under the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program, and per 44 C.F.R. § 206.204, the Commonwealth is extending the period of performance for emergency work eligible for reimbursement under Category B, as it pertains to the non-congregate sheltering program, to December 12, 2022.

Respectfully,



Jeremy Slinker,
Director, Kentucky Emergency Management