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Re: Major Disaster Declaration: FEMA-4474-DR-VT
Program: Public Assistance Program
Applicant: Town of Bristol, PA ID 001-09025-00
Project: Project Worksheet #236, GM #138348, Fishing Platform damaged
Subject: Request for Fifth Extension to the Project Completion Deadline

Dear Kimberly Canarecci and Valerie Capels:

This letter responds to the Vermont Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety's (Recipient) request dated September 4, 2024 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to extend the project completion deadline for Project #138348, Project Worksheet (PW) #236 under major disaster declaration DR-4474-VT until December 31, 2024.

The Applicant for this project is the Town of Bristol (Applicant), and the project scope of work includes the utilization of contract services and/or force account labor for repairs to the Eagle Park Fishing Platform facility back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity. To complete the work, the Applicant has submitted four prior project completion deadline extension requests. The Recipient exhausted the authorities granted to them in regulation 44 C.F.R § 206.204 by approving the first two project completion deadline extension requests through January 31, 2023, and December 31, 2023, respectively. The third and fourth extension requests were approved by FEMA through June 30, 2024, and September 30, 2024, respectively.

On September 4, the Applicant, through the Recipient, submitted a fifth extension request to FEMA for a project completion deadline of December 31, 2024. As justification for this request, the Applicant noted that while the majority of the project's scope of work was complete, the fabrication and installation of the site's moveable platform rails has yet to be completed. Since the failure to receive bid responses in the first round delayed the start of the project, the Applicant has obtained an alternative quote and selected another contractor within the project scope and budget. However, there have also been some material delays, and the contractor estimates six weeks for the materials to be galvanized and assembled before a three-to-four-day installation.

Regulation 44 C.F.R. § 206.224 provides that FEMA may extend the project completion deadline for a permanent work project under the Public Assistance Grant Program based on extenuating circumstances or unusual project requirements beyond the applicant's control. Following review of the Recipient's request and supporting documentation, FEMA has determined that extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the Applicant will prevent completion of the project by the September 30, 2024 deadline. Therefore, I am approving this request, and extending the project completion deadline until December 31, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact David McMillan, FEMA Region I at (202) 655-7349 or David.McMillan@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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