



U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Richmond Field Office
Community Planning & Development Division
600 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219-1800
1-800-842-2610

March 19, 2021

Mr. Erik Johnston
Director
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (the Act), the Department has awarded a grant of \$120,549,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the Commonwealth of Virginia under grant number B-13-DS-51-0001. These funds have been fully obligated to the grantee. The Act requires funds to be expended within 24 months following obligation unless an extension of that deadline has been authorized by the Office of Management and Budget and approved by HUD.

On May 11, 2015, the Department published a *Federal Register* Notice outlining the process and criteria for a grantee receiving funds under the Act to receive an extension of an expenditure deadline (80 FR 26942). Pursuant to that Notice, the Department previously provided the Commonwealth of Virginia with an extension of the expenditure deadline for its unexpended CDBG-DR funds until September 30, 2022, the maximum period authorized under the Act for the expenditure of funds.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020, provides all grantees under the Act with one additional year for the expenditure of these CDBG-DR funds. Accordingly, the Department is revising the period of performance for this grant to require the expenditure of all grant funds by September 30, 2023. The Department cautions that while the period of performance for this grant has been extended to match the full, revised expenditure period of these CDBG-DR funds, vouchers must be submitted well in advance of this expenditure deadline to allow sufficient time for processing and payment. Additional guidance on voucher submission deadlines will be provided.

The Department advises the Commonwealth of Virginia to make any necessary amendments to its written Action Plan and its Quarterly Expenditure Projections to reflect the new statutory expenditure deadline. The Department will coordinate with the grantee to revise the DRGR Action Plan and Block Dates as needed, and to take any other appropriate action.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact me at (202) 422-0021. Staff requiring any technical assistance on this matter should call Doug Sease, Senior CPD Representative, at (804) 822-4835, or doug.sease@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Legette". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a distinct "J" and "L".

Ronnie J. Legette
Director

cc:

Jay Grant
Assistant Director

Pamela Kestner
Assistant Director

Traci Munyan
Resiliency Program Manager

Tarence Ware
HUD CPD Specialist