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Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
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Dear Mr. Palacios:

The Department is pleased to transmit the enclosed grant agreement for the Northern Mariana Islands. On October 14, 2020, the Department approved the Northern Mariana Island's action plan for Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2018 Public Law (P.L.) 115-254 and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 P.L. 116-20. On January 27, 2020, the Department announced via a Federal Register Notice the allocation of \$3.8 billion CDBG-DR funds for the purpose of assisting in long-term recovery from major disasters that occurred in 2017, 2018, and 2019. This grant award will be administered under the following grant numbers: B-19-DV-69-0001 in the amount of \$188,652,000 and B-19-DV-69-0002 in the amount of \$55,294,000.

The date that the Department signs the grant agreement is the date on which the funds are obligated. All funds obligated for this grant must be expended within the six years of the initial obligation date. Additionally, the Northern Mariana Island's line of credit for this grant will be accessible through HUD's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system. Please be advised that the Northern Mariana Island is required to report on its use of CDBG-DR funds outlined in the action plan through the DRGR system. The DRGR reporting requirements are outlined in detail in the *Federal Register* Notices as well as ongoing policy guidance. Please contact Michelle Cushing, Community Planning and Development Specialist, by email at michelle.p.cushing@hud.gov to have users registered or to resolve any DRGR access issues.

The Department remains committed to assisting the Northern Mariana Island in its efforts to address recovery needs and looks forward to working with you and your staff to achieve this goal. If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact Jessie

Handforth Kome, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, at (202) 708-3587 or by email at disaster_recovery@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

John Gibbs
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

Enclosure