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Dear Mr. Palacios:

The Department is pleased to advise you that it is approving the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Action Plan Amendment (APA) 1 for Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated by the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 Public Law 116-20. On January 6, 2021, the Department allocated \$10,378,000 to the CNMI for the purpose of assisting in long-term recovery from major disasters that occurred in 2018 and 2019.

Consistent with the January 6, 2021, *Federal Register* notice, the Northern Mariana Housing Corporation (NMHC) submitted the CDBG-DR substantial amendment to HUD on June 17, 2021, which includes activities to assist in long-term recovery from major disasters. Subsequently, at the Department’s request, NMHC submitted revisions on July 15, 2021, which addressed all notice requirements for approval and must be made available to the public on the grantee’s website. Posting the APA allows the public and other key stakeholders to review the APA.

The substantial amendment proposes new projects and programs and/or updates existing programs that meet the requirements of the *Federal Register* notice. The following table summarizes modifications to the current HUD-approved APA, approved by HUD on October 14, 2020, including the updated or new allocations.

Table 1: CDBG-DR Disaster Allocation

Action Plan Activity	Previous Budget/Allocation	Change	Revised Budget/Allocation
Administration	\$12,098,818	\$518,900	\$12,617,718
Housing	\$113,362,000	\$9,859,100	\$123,221,100
Infrastructure	\$105,881,835		\$105,881,835
Economic Development	\$8,660,000		\$8,660,000
Planning	\$3,943,347		\$3,943,347
CDBG-DR Grant Total	\$ 243,946,000	\$10,378,000	\$254,324,000

Now that the CNMI has completed the necessary steps to begin the disaster recovery process, HUD will send the grant agreement and grant conditions for signature under separate cover. The Department remains committed to assisting the CNMI 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 Ms. Tennille S. Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, (202) 402-4649, or by email at disaster_recovery@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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