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Reference: Request for Public Assistance Time Extension
FEMA-4523-DR-NV
Applicant: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Dear Mr. Fenton:

On November 23, 2022, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) received the enclosed letter from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) requesting a time extension to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA).

The Applicant states that they did not anticipate the continued need for personal protective equipment (PPE), so an RPA wasn't requested prior to the July 1, 2022, deadline. They are requesting an extension to submit an RPA for costs incurred after July 1, 2022.

Based on the information provided, NDEM believes the delays to submit an RPA are justified and based on extenuating circumstances beyond the Applicant's control.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Applicant Time Extension Request

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The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Detention Services Division (DSD) operates two detention facilities: the Clark County Detention Center (CCDC) and the North Valley Complex (NVC), which are the two largest jails in the State of Nevada. The facilities are owned by Clark County and staffed primarily by employees of the LVMPD. Currently there are 1,236 commissioned and 337 civilian employees at DSD facilities. In 2021, DSD processed 58,046 arrestees.

Studies show that confined individuals are up to five times more likely to contract an infectious disease than those in the general public¹. DSD has a duty to protect its staff and inmates by reducing the prevalence and proliferation of COVID-19 in its facilities. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, DSD immediately implemented policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of exposure and transmission amongst staff and inmates accordingly. Additionally, DSD opened incremental modules within its facilities to provide social distancing, including dedicating a module to inmates who exhibited symptom of or tested positive for COVID-19. DSD invested in a thermal imaging scanner to identify employees experiencing a fever, distributed personal protective equipment (PPE), and provided no-contact hand-held thermometers to screen inmates entering DSD. DSD's operating budget did not contain funds for the PPE deemed necessary for operations under the pandemic.

Clark County continues to have an excess of 100 new COVID-19 cases reported per day, with many of those who test positive remaining asymptomatic.² With the increase in home testing and no requirement to report positive tests, the actual number of COVID-19 cases in Clark County is likely much higher than what is published. The County hadn't anticipated the continued need for PPE (nor claiming any associated costs), thus an RPA wasn't requested prior to the July 1, 2022 deadline. As this unprecedented pandemic continues, DSD is committed to provide PPE, including gloves, surgical masks, N-95 or KN-95 masks, hand sanitizer, and, as necessary, PPE suits to employees and inmates at no expense to the end-user.

¹ <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/covid-19-cases-5-times-higher-in-prisons-than-general-population>

² District, S. N. (2022, November 14). <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/data/reports/>.

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The County is requesting FEMA to grant an extension to file an RPA under DR-4523 to procure additional PPE for distribution to staff and inmates so that DSD can continue to shift operational functions back to pre-COVID standards while still taking steps to mitigate the proliferation of COVID-19. All procurement of PPE and the subsequent costs incurred would be taking place after July 1, 2022.

We appreciate the consideration of this request and eagerly await your decision.

Respectfully,



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