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April 9, 2020

The Honorable Lolo Matalasi Moliga
Governor of American Samoa
A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

Dear Governor Lolo:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. American Samoa has been allocated \$4,079,020 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded and before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports American Samoa's COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or Hailey McCoy, American Samoa's TAP Grant Manager, at Hailey_McCoy@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of American Samoa in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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Cc: The Honorable Amata Coleman Radewagen



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The Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. Guam has been allocated \$12,039,565 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or Hailey McCoy, Guam TAP Grant Manager, at Hailey_McCoy@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of Guam in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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Cc: The Honorable Michael San Nicolas



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His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau
P.O. Box 6051
Palau, PW 96940

Dear President Remengesau:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. The Republic of Palau has been allocated \$1,592,945 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded and before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports Palau's COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or Hailey McCoy, Palau TAP Grant Manager, at Hailey_McCoy@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of Palau in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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Cc: The Honorable John Hennessey-Niland
His Excellency Hersey Kyota



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His Excellency David Kabua
President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
Office of the President
P.O. Box 2
Majuro, MH 96960

Dear President Kabua:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support to the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. The Republic of the Marshall Islands has been allocated \$3,894,720 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded and before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports the Republic of the Marshall Islands' COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or WeiHao Jennifer Feng, Republic of the Marshall Islands TAP Grant Manager, at WeiHao_Feng@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of Republic of the Marshall Islands in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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cc: The Honorable Roxanne Cabral
His Excellency Gerald M. Zackios



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The Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
Government House
Charlotte Amalie, VI 00802

Dear Governor Bryan:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support to the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. The U.S. Virgin Islands has been allocated \$7,863,776 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded and before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports the U.S. Virgin Islands' COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or WeiHao Jennifer Feng, U.S. Virgin Islands TAP Grant Manager, at WeiHao_Feng@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of U.S. Virgin Islands in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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cc: The Honorable Stacey Plaskett



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Governor Ralph DLG. Torres
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support to the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will be allocated \$4,042,585 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded, before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports CNMI's COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or Merriam Porter, CNMI TAP Grant Manager, at Merriam_Porter@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of the CNMI through this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

Cc: The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan



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His Excellency David W. Panuelo
Office of the President
Federated States of Micronesia
PS 53
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Dear President Panuelo:

As you know, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 designed to provide support to the States, Territories and Freely Associated States to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is now accepting applications for this emergency COVID-19 funding allocated to the insular areas through OIA's Technical Assistance Program. The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will be allocated \$7,737,390 of this funding based upon total population. I invite you to submit a grant application for this expedited funding immediately.

The application for these emergency COVID-19 funds may be in the form of a letter addressed to me that states the funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19, along with the required standard forms (attached). In order to expedite the grant award process, OIA is not requiring a detailed budget or timeline with the application, rather, those items will be required after the funding is awarded, before any drawdowns are processed. Drawdown requests should indicate how the drawdown supports FSM COVID-19 plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlene Leizear, Technical Assistance Director, at Charlene_Leizear@ios.doi.gov or Merriam Porter, FSM TAP Grant Manager, at Merriam_Porter@ios.doi.gov.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of the FSM in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

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Cc: T.H. Henry Falan, Governor of Yap State
T.H. Reed B. Oliver, Governor of Pohnpei State

T.H. Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae State

T.H. Johnson Elimo, Governor of Chuuk State

H.E. Akillino H. Susaia, Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United States

H.E. Carmen G. Cantor, United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia