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Re: FEMA-4339-DR-PR  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
Period of Performance Extension Approval

Dear Mr. Soria-Rivera:

This letter is in response to your July 22, 2025, letter from the Puerto Rico Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (Recipient), which transmitted a 10-year period of performance (POP) extension for FEMA-4339-DR-PR (DR-4339) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to October 31, 2035. After FEMA's review, we approve a one-year POP extension until October 31, 2026, and the balance of the request will be submitted to FEMA Headquarters for their determination.

DR-4339 was declared on September 17, 2017, and the original POP expires on October 31, 2025. Pursuant to FEMA *Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance*, the Regional Administrator can only extend a disaster grant POP for up to 12 months with justification.<sup>1</sup> All requests to extend the award the POP beyond 12 months from the originally granted POP end date must be approved by FEMA Headquarters.<sup>2</sup>

As justification for this extension, the Recipient claims that the devastation caused by the 2017 storms led to an insufficient construction resource pool relative to the overall recovery and risk reduction project needs in Puerto Rico. Additionally, the Recipient has experienced significant delays and challenges in procuring adequate vendors and materials in a timely manner and in the large volumes required by the Public Assistance (PA) and HMGP projects currently under construction. Furthermore, the Recipient explained that these constraints have resulted in many projects needing additional time to complete their scope of work activities and extended work schedules. The Recipient will use this time extension to both complete ongoing DR-4339 repair

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<sup>1</sup> *FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance*, (February 27, 2015), p. 86

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

projects and continue its significant progress towards greater resiliency.

FEMA recognizes the importance of these HMGP grants to the Recipient and how they will ultimately advance greater resiliency in Puerto Rico. Based on the justification provided by the Recipient and the limitations set by FEMA policy, FEMA is granting a one-year extension until October 31, 2026, for this event. Region 2 will need additional time to evaluate the remaining time requested in your POP extension request. Once the Region completes its review, we will be providing our recommendation for the balance of the request to FEMA Headquarters for their final determination. In the event that your request is denied, the Recipient will have the opportunity to appeal pursuant to 44 C.F.R. § 206.440.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact William McDonnell at [William.McDonnell@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:William.McDonnell@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. D'Amora', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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