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Ms. Ann Kroll
Director
Grants Management
State of Vermont
One National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05620

Dear Ms. Kroll:

Pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (the Act), the Department has awarded a grant of \$17,932,000 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the State of Vermont (B-13-DS-50-0001). On December 10, 2013, the Department executed a grant agreement that obligated \$13,232,000 of this grant to the State of Vermont (Round#1). Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, these obligated funds must be expended within 24 months following obligation, unless an extension of that deadline has been approved by HUD. For the State of Vermont, all funds under the above obligation must be expended by June 30, 2017.

On May 11, 2015, the Department published a *Federal Register* Notice outlining the process and criteria for a grantee receiving funds under the Act to receive an extension of an expenditure deadline (78 FR 26942). On April 3, 2017, the State of Vermont submitted the CDBG-DR Expenditure Deadline Extension Request as required by the Notice, with a request to extend the expenditure deadline for certain activities within the following program categories in the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system. The maximum amount of funds that will be extended for each program category are shown below. These program level fund balances represent the sum of the current remaining balances for the DRGR activities that were identified in the grantee's extension request. The grantee may make budget adjustments between DRGR activities within each category, however, funds may not be adjusted between categories without express authorization from HUD as defined in the May 11, 2015, *Federal Register* Notice.

Program Category	*Maximum Amount Extended
Housing	\$1,216,258.00
Total:	\$1,216,258.00

* The Maximum Amount Extended represents the sum of the balance remaining for the DRGR Activities included in the grantee's extension request within each Program Category as of the date of this letter. It does not represent the amount of funds to which the deadline extension applies because the grantee may continue to expend funds for activities between now and the current expenditure deadline.

The Department is approving the State of Vermont's request to extend the time for the expenditure of funds under the identified activities within these Program Categories until December 31, 2018. As outlined in the Notice, the Department has assessed the Expenditure Deadline Extension Request to ensure the revised expenditure deadline for the CDBG-DR activities as well as the projection of quarterly expenditures are achievable based on the grantee's past performance and expenditure rate. Based on this assessment, the Department has concluded that the grantee's requested timeline appears to be achievable, and the extension is granted as requested.

Please note that this extension applies to the balance of CDBG-DR funds remaining for the included DRGR activities under the program categories listed above as of the current June 30, 2017, expenditure deadline. The Department will make adjustments to DRGR to ensure the continued availability of the remaining balance of funds associated with those activities.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifford Taffet", written in a cursive style.

Clifford Taffet
General Deputy Assistant Secretary