

Dear Committee Members:

Regarding extension requests of the Direct Housing Mission, FEMA advises the requests should be made at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial 18 month period. Oregon would anticipate making the extension request, if needed, in December, 2021. Extensions can be requested in 3- or 6-month increments. Additionally, extensions typically require Direct Housing residents to begin paying a rental fee on the units (generally no less than \$50/month, per 44 CFR). However, the state may request the rent payment requirement be waived. Additional information on the Direct Housing mission from FEMA's Individual/Housing Program Policy Guide is copied below, and describes some of the considerations when FEMA determines whether or not to grant an extension:

"FEMA may extend Direct Temporary Housing Assistance beyond the 18-month period of assistance when the affected state, territorial, or tribal government requests an extension in writing. The AA for Recovery will consider the request for approval. When the period of assistance is extended, FEMA will begin monthly rent collection from eligible occupants of FEMA TTHUs.

- *FEMA may authorize extensions to the initial 18-month period of assistance due to extraordinary circumstances when doing so is in the public interest.*
- *FEMA will typically not consider extending the period of assistance without a written request from the SCO/TCO or GAR. However, FEMA may extend the period of assistance at its sole discretion; extensions to the period of assistance will only be considered in situations where the remaining disaster-caused temporary housing need exceeds the capabilities of the state, territorial, or tribal government, or the affected communities to support and there remains a lack of available resources. The request should include supporting documents demonstrating this housing need.*
- *The AA for Recovery may consider extending the period of assistance when: The AA for Recovery will consider the request for approval. When the period of assistance is extended, FEMA will begin monthly rent collection from eligible occupants of FEMA TTHUs.*
 - *Adequate, alternate housing is not available in the affected area; and*
 - *Accessible housing units for occupants with disabilities are not available or are not within a reasonable commuting distance of essential services (e.g., accessible public transportation, grocery, medical facilities, banking, childcare, schools, or place of employment).*
- *If an extension is approved, the affected state, territorial, or tribal government must execute an amendment to the FEMA-State/Territory/Tribal Government Agreement."*

If additional information is needed please let me know.

Thank You

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