
From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2016 5:17 PM
To: Glaccum, David
Cc: Schimsa, Rebecca; Patel, Swati
Subject: Re: FEMA Interim Direct Housing Mission

I would be interested in Shwedo's thoughts on this.

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On Nov 13, 2016, at 12:13 PM, Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Gov. Haley,

I hope you are having a nice Sunday morning.

This week, Swati will be briefing you on various recovery items but I wanted to bring one specific EMD recommendation to your attention.

EMD would like to request a direct housing mission from FEMA (please see attached letter). In short, FEMA would deliver trailers to impoverished individuals whose residence took on major damage or was destroyed. As currently constructed, the program would apply in seven counties (Beaufort, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Marion, Orangeburg, Williamsburg) with a potential population of 842 individuals. EMD suspects the actual population would be far less. The program lasts for up to 18 months and is designed to keep individuals in their communities and close to their damaged residences while permanent repairs are being made. South Carolina did not pursue this program in response to the 2015 flood. EMD can submit this request on your behalf.

A few items to note:

1. EMD's draft letter covers home owners and renters.
2. EMD's draft letter appears to severely inflate the pre-disaster unemployment rates in the counties they identify as needing assistance.
3. EMD's recommendation is partially reliant on a lack of VOADS, contractors, and private donations.
4. Once approved, South Carolina has little say in implementation of the program. It will be managed by FEMA similar to Individual Assistance, renters assistance, etc.
5. Because of the other states impacted by the hurricane, it could take a while for FEMA to deliver the trailers to South Carolina citizens.
6. While covered 100% by FEMA, this is a relatively expensive program. EMD was unable to provide a total cost projection, but trailers can range from \$30,000-\$50,000, depending on size.
7. Other states have had issues with getting individuals out of the trailers at the end of the 18 months (a new FEMA trailer may be nicer than the house/trailer they were living in before the storm or are moving into following the storm). While in actuality this would be a FEMA problem, if it occurred it would inevitably become a state problem.

If you approve of EMD's recommendation to pursue this program, please let me know and I will pass that along to Kim. In the interim, I plan to send some follow-up questions to EMD requesting greater detail on the need for this program and its scope of application based on the data in their request letter.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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