



**FEMA**

May 28, 2020

Samantha Phillips  
Governor's Authorized Representative  
Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency  
400 Worcester Road  
Framingham, MA 01702-5399

Re: FEMA-4496-DR-MA  
Public Assistance Program  
Assistance Listing #97.036  
Emergency Feeding

Dear Director Phillips:

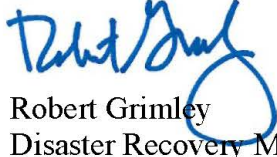
I am responding to your letter dated May 26, 2020, in which you requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") extend the period of authorization for Emergency Feeding under major disaster FEMA-4496-DR-MA. The current period of authorization ends on May 26, 2020 and you have requested that FEMA extend the authorization through June 25, 2020. Based on my review of your justification of the continued need for Emergency Feeding, I am approving your request and revising the period of authorization for Emergency Feeding for FEMA-4496-DR-MA from April 27 until the earlier of June 25, 2020 or the termination of the Public Health Emergency by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA"), local, and tribal governments should exercise efforts to prioritize the most vulnerable populations in its Emergency Feeding operations and then work to register those needing assistance into the more traditional nutrition assistance programs. This will work to stabilize the situation and help to provide a source of feeding assistance for those populations beyond the limited period of authorization for Emergency Feeding under the Public Assistance Program. Furthermore, MEMA, local, and tribal governments should collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure that Emergency Feeding for which it seeks financial assistance under the Public Assistance Program is not provided to populations already receiving assistance from existing nutrition assistance programs. I also recommend collaboration with non-governmental organizations to identify non-governmental resources for feeding populations in need.

It is important for MEMA, local, and tribal governments to develop plans to conduct any necessary feeding operations after the period of authorization for Emergency Feeding ends. If you request another extension to the period of authorization, you must include in your request a re-assessment and detailed justification for the continued need for Emergency Feeding.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact Tom Evans, Public Assistance Infrastructure Branch Director, at (202) 480-1202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Grimley", with a large circular flourish at the end.

Robert Grimley  
Disaster Recovery Manager  
FEMA Region I