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MEMORANDUM FOR: Applicants of the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement Competition Modification Notice of Funding Opportunity

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Waiver Available for PRICE Applicants Impacted by Weather Related Emergencies

This memorandum explains the availability of a waiver of the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Competition Modification Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application submission deadline to address weather-related emergencies.

Section IV.D.1 of the PRICE NOFO required applications to be submitted by 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on July 10, 2024. The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, at 42 USC 3535(q), permits the Department to waive HUD regulations, including a NOFO published in the Federal Register, such as the PRICE NOFO, so long as the waiver is in writing and specifies the grounds for granting the waiver.

From July 8 to July 11, 2024, heavy rain, flooding, landslides, and tornado outbreaks related to Hurricane Beryl resulted in power outages, communication service disruptions, and emergency response efforts across several states in the southern and eastern regions of the United States. Simultaneously, wildfires due to extreme heat led to emergency response efforts in several western states. Accordingly, the Department has determined that it is appropriate to extend the PRICE NOFO application submission deadline to applicants who were affected by weather-related emergencies. The Department will consider waiver requests from applicants who experienced weather related emergencies and submitted complete applications between 12:00:00 AM to 11:59:59 PM E.T. on July 11, 2024. Consistent with this waiver availability for affected applicants, the Department will post a notice on its website in accordance with Section IV.D.3 of the PRICE NOFO. The Department also waives the PRICE NOFO requirement at Section IV.D.3 to publish the waiver extension's availability on Grants.gov since only receipted applications may be considered.

Applicants who wish to use this waiver must submit to PRICE@hud.gov in writing by November 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM E.S.T., the circumstances that gave rise to the weather-related

emergency and the applicant's late application submission for the PRICE NOFO. Specifically, the applicant should provide details of the weather-related event, how the weather-related event affected the applicant's ability to timely submit its application, and any documentation supporting the applicant's waiver request.

HUD will review the information submitted to determine whether there is good cause for a waiver. If the Department finds good cause, HUD will review the application submission. If the Department determines that there is no good cause, HUD will notify the applicant that the application will not be reviewed.