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April 15, 2020

Jared Moskowitz
State Coordinating Officer/Government's Authorizing Representative
2555 Shumard Oaks Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: FEMA Non-Congregate Sheltering Request for Nassau County, Florida

Dear Mr. Moskowitz,

Nassau County, Florida requests approval for Nassau County, Florida to establish and manage COVID-19 pandemic outbreak non-congregate sheltering and support services.

Per FEMA COVID-19 Fact Sheets: Non-Congregate Sheltering Delegation of Authority; Procurement During Emergency/Exigent Circumstances Fact Sheet; and Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet; the following information is provided.

Nassau County Emergency Management working in conjunction with federal, state, and local health authorities in responding to the Public Health and Presidentially declared National Emergency, as well as to Governor's Emergency Proclamation on COVID-19 related matters, directed the isolation and quarantine of those non-hospital, admitted, suspected or recovered COVID-19 patients in non-congregate sheltering per best available health authorities guidance. These actions are prudent and necessary to isolate and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-83 on March 24, 2020 and further ordered by the State of Florida Department of Health's Declaration of Public Health Emergency dated March 1, 2020 and subsequent Public Health Advisory dated March 25, 2020 for COVID-19 as a result of Executive Order 20-83. Based on coordination with the local public health official in Nassau County, we are submitting this request for non-congregate sheltering in support of section 6 of the State of Florida Department of Health Declaration of Public Health emergency.

Nassau County Elected Officials, responding at the direction and guidance of public health officials and emergency management personnel, will only establish and manage non congregate sheltering for the minimum time necessary to meet the public health needs of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

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Nassau County will follow local and state contracting requirements, as well as the criteria outlined in the FEMA Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances Fact Sheet guidance. In addition, a termination for convenience clause will be included in the contracts.

Nassau County will provide a cost and feasibility analysis of the non-congregate sheltering options considered given the affected population, the criteria for meeting either quarantine or isolation, and any additional criteria required by cognizant public health authorities. In addition, a justification will be provided for the selected option.

Nassau County understands that funding for non-congregate sheltering to meet the needs of the Public Health Emergency cannot be duplicated by another federal agency and has not received funding for this requested non-congregate sheltering from any other federal funding source.

Nassau County, as part of the siting of non-congregate sheltering, will comply with all local and state requirements. In addition, it is understood that given the nexus of federal funding, applicable federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders apply and must be adhered to as a condition of federal financial assistance.

If there are any questions regarding this request for FEMA Non-Congregate Sheltering, please contact Emergency Management Director, Greg Foster, at (904) 548-0900 or via email at gfooster@nassauso.com.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners for Nassau County, Florida

cc: Sheriff Bill Leeper
Greg Foster, Emergency Management Director
Michael S. Mullin, County Manager
Taco E. Pope, Assistant County Manager