

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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May 28, 2020

Jared Moskowitz
State Coordinating Officer / Governor's Authorized Representative

RE: FEMA Non-Congregate Sheltering Request

Dear Director Moskowitz:

Franklin County Board of County Commissioners requests approval for Franklin County's plan to established and managed 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.

The non-congregate sheltering must be at the direction of and documented through an official order signed by a state, local, tribal, or territorial public health official.

- The Franklin 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 Franklin 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 and to include the general public in a non-congregate manner required as a result of mitigation measures required by the national wide pandemic.

Any approval is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event and should not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency.

- The Franklin County elected officials responding at the direction and guidance of public health officials and emergency management personnel, will establish and manage non-

congregate sheltering for the minimum time necessary to meet the public health needs of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Applicants must follow FEMA's Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances guidance and include a termination for convenience clause in their contracts.

- The Franklin 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.

Prior to approval, the applicant must provide an analysis of the implementation options that were considered and a justification for the option selected.

- The Franklin County will provide a cost and feasibility analysis of the non-congregate sheltering options considered given the affected population affected, 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.
- If requesting a waiver for approval after the fact the justification needs to be provided as to why it was not requested prior to implementation

The funding for non-congregate sheltering to meet the needs of the Public Health Emergency cannot be duplicated by another federal agency, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Franklin 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.

Applicable Environmental and Historic Preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders apply and must be adhered to as a condition of assistance.

- Franklin 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 Pamela Brownell at (850)653-8977 or em3frank@fairpoint.net

Sincerely,

Noah Lockley Jr.
Franklin County BOCC (Chairman)

Enclosures:

- Analysis of implementation options considered and justification for option selected

- Siting permits for non-congregate sheltering
- Governor's Executive Order 20-83
- State of Florida Department of Health's Declaration of Public Health Emergency
- State of Florida Department of Health's Public Health Advisory for COVID-19 as a result of Executive Order 20-83