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From: Hagerty, Steve [Steve.Hagerty@fema.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2002 11:23 AM
To: 'avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov'
Subject: FW: DEP, DoH, & Mayor's Office of Economic Development

Importance: High

FYI: I'll be in touch.

—Original Message—

From: Hagerty, Steve
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2002 11:14
To: 'dianac@dep.nyc.gov'; 'alvatroner@dep.nyc.gov'
Cc: Gair, Brad; Chacon, Emily; Connolly, Gerald
Subject: DEP, DoH, & Mayor's Office of Economic Development
Importance: High

Brad Gair asked that I contact you in regard to 3 letters needed by FEMA in order to obligate the \$78M indoor cleaning grant. It is my understanding from Brad that you are aware of FEMA's need for these letters, signed by the commissioner's of each of these agencies, and that these letters will help FEMA support the grant. The 3 letters are:

1. A letter from DEP addressing the potential environmental threat posed by the interior debris
2. A letter from DoH addressing the potential health threat posed by the interior debris
3. A letter from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development addressing the potential economic threats posed by the interior debris

Since DEP is the recipient of the grant, FEMA would like DEP to coordinate the collection of all three letters. It's important that we have a separate agency from each of the above agencies due to their area of specialization (i.e., environment, health, and the economy). Ideally, we would like the City to prepare draft letters that we can comment on before you issue the final, signed letters. Brad Gair will initiate getting a letter from US EPA.

I have asked Emily Chacon, the FEMA Project Officer preparing the grant, to submit the draft grant to DEP and the OMB analyst today for the City's review and authorization. However, FEMA will not be able to obligate the grant until we receive the letters.

Please have your staff fax the draft letters to Emily Chacon at (212) 667-8987. Emily is serving as our point of contact with Virginia Smyth of your agency.

We look forward to obligating this grant as soon as possible so the City can proceed with this important activity. Once this grant is prepared we will work with your staff collect information associated with the City's approach to cleaning unoccupied, "debris laden" buildings.

Thanks,

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—Original Message—

From: Chacon, Emily

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2002 19:10
To: Hagerty, Steve
Subject: Letters to FEMA regarding Interior Building Cleaning

Steve,

I spoke with my contact at DEP regarding the letters to FEMA from DEP, DoH, Mayor's Office of Economic Development, and USEPA that clearly validate the environmental, health and economic threats posed by debris inside residential buildings as well as the resulting need for cleaning.

Apparently, DEP did not understand that we need four separate letters or that we want DEP to coordinate the preparation and collection of these letters from the four agencies. DEP understood that we only needed one letter from the City as a whole. We received the draft of this one letter from DEP on May 8, 2002.

I also mentioned that the language contained in the four letters should, as compared to the draft letter we received on May 8, 2002, be clearer and perhaps more forceful in regards to the threat and the need to perform cleaning.

DEP is concerned that this misunderstanding may cause a delay in funding for this program.

Please let me know how I should proceed.

Thank you,

Emily

—Original Message—

From: Ilan, Lee [mailto:ilan@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2002 1:57 PM
To: 'Gair, Brad'
Cc: Sumowicz, Alessandra; Benson, Sam; Connolly, Gerald; McCarty, Gerard; Picciano, Joe
Subject: RE: Status of funding requests

Brad,

Thanks for your note - we'll make sure the appropriate parties are aware of your needs.

Speak to you soon,

Lee

—Original Message—

From: Gair, Brad [mailto:Brad.Gair@fema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2002 1:51 PM
To: 'Ilan, Lee'
Cc: Sumowicz, Alessandra; Benson, Sam; Connolly, Gerald; McCarty, Gerard; Picciano, Joe
Subject: RE: Status of funding requests

Lee,

Sorry, but I have a conflict and cannot attend the meeting this afternoon. The FEMA Public Assistance staff is working with NYC DEP on the Project Worksheet (funding application) for all tasks related to cleaning of building interiors. All FEMA funding for this work will come to NYC, and then it is up to NYC to enter into an agreement with EPA to "subcontract" various tasks. Our goal is to have the PW completed this week, but that is dependent upon NYC providing information to us. I have received a letter from NYC DEP supporting the public health and safety need for the project, but I am awaiting similar supporting letters from NYC DOH, NYC Deputy

Mayor's Office (importance to economic recovery) and EPA. We will need these letters in place prior to obligating any funding. As for the EPA Interagency Agreement for the background studies, cleaning and testing protocols, etc., we are awaiting additional cost detail from EPA.

I hope that this helps.

Brad Gair

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—Original Message—

From: Ilan, Lee [mailto:Ilan@cityhall.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2002 12:23

To: 'Brad Gair'

Cc: Sumowicz, Alessandra; Benson, Sam

Subject: Status of funding requests

Hi, Brad-

Are you sending someone to the task force meeting this afternoon? At this morning's EPA IAWG meeting, the question came up of the status of EPA's funding requests to FEMA. We need clarification re which pipeline each request is in (I understand some things are supposed to be funded by a grant?), what the timing is, and any associated procedural issues. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to address this fully in a separate meeting with the relevant parties, but it would be good to get a brief update today on the overall picture.

Thanks,
Lee