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March 13, 2025

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RE: FEMA-4567-DR-NY  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
Disaster Declaration Date: October 2, 2020  
Period of Performance Extension Request

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

FEMA has completed review of your correspondence and accompanying documentation dated January 22, 2025, in which DHSES requested the extension of fourteen (14) open subgrants from the FEMA-4567-DR-NY HMGP Grant to March 31, 2026. The current POP for DR-4567-NY ends on March 31, 2025.

The fourteen subawards used to justify the extension requested by DHSES, have experienced the following delays in the implementation of the scope of work.

- 4567-0004 Town of Shelter Island– Ferry Flood Mitigation Project (Scoping):  
Completion of the project has been delayed as the Town anticipates that project stakeholders and community will require additional time to review the draft report and provide comments. Project is requesting an extension to June 30, 2025.
- 4567-0006 Town of Islip – 8 Secatogue Lane East, WI, NY 11795 Elevation:  
The Town of Islip has experienced significant delays in project completion due to the number of participating parties and vast number of measures involved to begin the project. The subrecipient is requesting an extension to September 30, 2025
- 4567-0008 Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) – Long Island Power Authority Storm Harden 3 Transmission Crossings:  
LIPA has faced delays resulting from the significant time elapsed to explore a potential economies of scale cost-saving measure which would include the submission of a scope modification which would have an additional 17 crossing sites not previously identified in the original sub-application. LIPA is requesting an extension to March 31, 2026.

- 4567-0011 New York Power Authority (NYPA) Canal Corporation – Montgomery County Movable Dams:  
NYPA Canal Corporation has experienced winter delays due to procurement and safety delays. Working during the winter from suspended scaffolding posed increased risk to employees. The subrecipient is requesting an extension to March 31, 2026.
- 4567-0012 New York State OPRHP – Dinsmore GC Communitywide Flood Protection:  
NYS OPRHP faced delays due to procurement process and delays resulting from the overall back log of projects for various contracted services. Additional delays due to weather and the workload hindering the contractor from rescheduling. NYS OPRHP is requesting an extension to August 31, 2025.
- 4567-0016 Columbia County – Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:  
The county experienced delays due to the coordination and participation efforts needed by twenty-three of its jurisdictions which has varying capabilities. Due to the task dependency nature of HMP process, subsequent tasks were affected when one phase was delayed. The county is seeking an extension to September 30, 2025.
- 4567-0018 Orange County – Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:  
The county has been delayed due to government change resulting in changes to policies and procedures, contracting and procurement changes. Additional delays were faced due to the number or participating jurisdictions and each of their capabilities to deliver on time. The county is requesting an extension to October 31, 2025.
- 4567-0019 Seneca County – Update of Seneca County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan  
The county has faced delays due to lack of communication and participation from some of the municipalities. Requested documentation was not submitted in a timely manner. The county is requesting a 6-month extension to September 30, 2025.
- 4567-0020 Albany County – Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:  
The County’s overall progress was delayed due to challenges in coordinating and communicating with the County’s jurisdictions which have had varying degrees of sizes and capabilities. In addition there were delays created by lack of community participation, and by one community deciding to participate after the bulk of the planning phases and tasks were underway. The subrecipient is seeking an extension to September 30, 2025.
- 4567-0021 Washington County – Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:  
The County’s overall progress was delayed due to challenges in coordinating and communicating with the County’s jurisdictions which have had varying degrees of sizes and capabilities, including some that did not use e-mail. In addition, there were difficulty getting the communities to submit documentation on time. The county is requesting an extension to March 31, 2026.

- 4567-0022 New York City Emergency Management – 2024 NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan:  
The subrecipient has experienced delays due ongoing activation and staff turnover. The activation has reduced planning team staff's capacity to complete the implementation of grant deliverable due to deployment. The subrecipient is seeking an extension request to March 31, 2026.
- 4567-0023 Rebuild by Design at NYU – Retreat by Design:  
The subrecipient is requesting an extension so that they can further improve on their approved scope of work, including but not limited to increased collaboration with housing experts and further test materials learned from the grant. This collaboration is expected to increase the community input. The subrecipient is seeking an extension to January 1, 2026.
- 4567-0024 New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission – NYC Historic Resource Survey for Flood-Vulnerable Structures:  
Project delayed due to staffing challenges and procurement delays. Specifically, the departure of the Senior GIS and Data Analyst and delay in, recruiting for a replacement due to citywide hiring freeze. The absence of the Senior GIS and Data Analyst has also delayed the procurement process for hiring a qualified contractor to develop the survey database and geographic interface (Task 3a). The subrecipient is requesting an extension to March 31, 2026.
- 4567-0026 Rebuild by Design at NYU- NYS Adaptation Practitioners Network  
Project extension requested due to delay in pre-work section of grant. Outreach, recruitment, and hiring of a Network Manager took longer than expected resulted in significant delay in onset of work. The subrecipient is requesting an extension to January 1, 2026.

FEMA recognizes the importance of this HMGP grant and how it will advance the Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs availability within the state of New York. Based on the justification provided by DHSES, FEMA is granting an extension for all open projects until March 31, 2026. There will be no changes to the subawards scope of work or budgets within this disaster grant. Note, Project # 4567-0008 LIPA's scope of work (SOW) modification was denied on December 20, 2024. Only the remaining approved SOW activities are to be completed within this new POP.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Edwards, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief at (212) 680-3633.

Sincerely,

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