

Reimbursement and Other Assistance Provided to States, dated January 21, 2021 and the President's Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated February 2, 2021 FEMA is amending the cost-sharing arrangements regarding Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5207 (the "Stafford Act") for all of the COVID–19 emergency and major disaster declarations. FEMA is amending this declaration as follows:

Federal funds for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program (Section 403) are authorized at 100 percent of total eligible costs for work performed from January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

Robert J. Fenton,

Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4500–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2021–0001]

Connecticut; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Connecticut (FEMA–4500–DR), dated March 28, 2020, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued February 2, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the President's Memorandum to Extend Federal Support to Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID–19 and to Increase Reimbursement and Other Assistance Provided to States, dated January 21, 2021 and the President's Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated February 2, 2021 FEMA is amending the cost-sharing arrangements regarding Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5207 (the "Stafford Act") for all of the COVID–19 emergency and major disaster declarations. FEMA is amending this declaration as follows:

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4521–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2021–0001]

Nebraska; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska (FEMA–4521–DR), dated April 4, 2020, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued February 2, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

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and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2684-21; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2021-0004]

RIN 1615-ZB87

Identifying Barriers Across U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Benefits and Services; Request for Public Input

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Request for public input.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is seeking comments from the public on how U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) can reduce administrative and other barriers and burdens within its regulations and policies, including those that prevent foreign citizens from easily obtaining access to immigration services and benefits. This effort will help DHS identify process improvements for USCIS, with benefits for state, local, and tribal governments, for businesses (including small businesses and startups), for educational institutions of all kinds, for nonprofits, and for individuals.

DATES: Written comments are requested on or before April 19, 2021. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number USCIS-2021-0004, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Comments submitted in a manner other than the one listed above, including emails or letters sent to DHS or USCIS officials, may not be reviewed by DHS. Please note that DHS and USCIS cannot accept any comments that are hand delivered or couriered. In addition, USCIS cannot accept comments contained on any form of digital media storage devices, such as CDs/DVDs and USB drives. Due to

COVID-19, USCIS is also not accepting mailed comments at this time. If you cannot submit your comment by using <http://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Samantha Deshommes, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, by telephone at 240-721-3000 for alternate instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samantha Deshommes, Regulatory Coordination Division Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746; telephone 240-721-3000 (this is not a toll-free number).

Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone numbers above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to comment on this notice by submitting written data, views, or arguments using the method identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

II. Background

On February 2, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14012, “Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans.”¹ In E.O. 14012, President Biden announced his objective to encourage “full participation by immigrants” and directed responsible Federal agencies to identify strategies that promote “integration, inclusion, and citizenship” and “identify barriers that impede access to immigration benefits and fair, efficient adjudications of these benefits.” Executive Order 13707, “Using Behavioral Science Insights to Better Serve the American People” (Sept. 18, 2015), states that “the Federal Government should design its policies

and programs to reflect our best understanding of how people engage with, participate in, use, and respond to those policies and programs.”² President Biden’s Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking (Jan. 27, 2021), refers to Executive Order 13707 and calls for “the evidence-based and iterative development and the equitable delivery of policies, programs, and agency operations,” including approaches “that may be informed by the social and behavioral sciences and data science.”³

To achieve President Biden’s objectives, DHS is soliciting public input to better understand and identify administrative barriers and burdens (including paperwork requirements, waiting time, and other obstacles) that impair the functions of the USCIS process and unnecessarily impede access to USCIS immigration benefits. The relevant burdens might be imposed on state, local, and tribal governments; businesses, including small businesses and startups; educational institutions; nonprofits; households; and individuals. DHS is also seeking input to help identify current USCIS processes or those previously in place that promote equity and inclusion and learn how USCIS might leverage and incorporate those successes and lessons learned in other immigration benefits and adjudication processes.

Independent of the current Request for Public Input, DHS continually evaluates its regulatory program for rules that are candidates for retrospective review. DHS does so through legally mandated retrospective review requirements (for example, Unified Agenda of Planned Regulatory Actions reviews and reviews under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 610) and through other informal and long-established mechanisms (for example, use of Advisory Councils, feedback from DHS field personnel, input from internal working groups, and outreach to regulated entities). Today’s notice is separate from these existing DHS retrospective review efforts.

III. Request for Input

A. Importance of Public Feedback

To achieve the objectives outlined in E.O. 14012, E.O. 13707, and the Presidential Memorandum on Restoring

² “Using Behavioral Science Insights to Better Serve the American People,” 80 FR 56365 (Sept. 18, 2015).

³ “Restoring Trust in Government through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking,” 86 FR 8845 (Feb. 10, 2021).

¹ “Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans,” 86 FR 8277 (Feb. 5, 2021).