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Memorandum

To: Harvey, Irma, Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Programmatic Agreement Signatories

From: Acting Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science

Subject: National Park Service Programmatic Agreement Emergency Supplemental Funding for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

The National Park Service's State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division (STLPG) is requesting your signature to the Programmatic Agreement (PA) regarding Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund funding for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

In FY 2018, Congress appropriated \$48.5 Million in Emergency Supplemental funding from the Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPF) for disaster relief to properties damaged by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The funding is made available to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) in the affected areas for work on various recovery projects, including historic resource compliance activities, survey and inventory in areas impacted by the disaster, recovery and repair of historic properties damaged by the disaster, and other recovery related activities as approved by the National Park Service (NPS). The recipients include the SHPOs of Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the THPOs of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. STLPG has been in consultation with the SHPOs, THPOs and preservation partners as described in 36 CFR Part 800. Due to the complex nature of this grant program it was decided that a Programmatic Agreement (PA) would be the most useful approach in directing the Section 106 activities. Development of the PA started upon notification of the funding opportunity with our primary grantees and signatories to the document, as described in 36 CFR § 800.14, and we have worked in the past year to ensure that those with an interest in the historic resources within the affected disaster areas were included in the discussions. We have incorporated comments received from concurring parties and finalized with our primary grantees and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. We are pleased to present a final version for your signature.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Megan Brown, Chief of STLPG, at megan_brown@nps.gov or (202) 354-2020. We appreciate your assistance and participation.