PHILIP B. SCOTT
GOVERNOR

State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 6, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

On March 13, 2020, you declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to the sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

Accordingly, on April 6, 2020 I submitted a Major Disaster declaration request for the State of Vermont pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207. This request was based on finding that the COVID-19 disaster is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and the affected local governments of this state, and that federal assistance is absolutely necessary to ensure the health and safety of all individuals in Vermont.

Due to the magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic I am requesting that the Vermont National Guard be authorized to perform their duties under Title 32, U.S.C. § 502(f). To date the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) has activated over 2.2% (70 Soldiers and Airmen out of a combined 3,000 force) of its total force on State Active Duty (SAD) status as of March 31, 2020. National Guard units under state control will execute critical missions to save lives and protect the public health and safety of all individuals in Vermont.

The National Guard will focus primarily on managing, controlling and reducing immediate threats to public health and safety that have been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to scope and urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, National Guard resources are needed immediately to ensure the public health and safety of all individuals within Vermont's borders. To succesfully respond to this pandemic I am requesting authorization to activate up to 480 Vermont National Guard personnel. I will continue to reassess the State's capacity as the situation unfolds and may request additional support, as necessary.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2020

The Honorable Mark T. Esper
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Esper:

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to the sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.) and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

Accordingly, on April 6, 2020 I submitted a COVID-19 Major Disaster declaration request for the State of Vermont pursuant to 42 U.S.C § 5170. Due to the magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic I am requesting authority and additional funding under 32 U.S.C. § 502(f)(2)(A), pursuant to which you are given authority to permit me to activate personnel in the Vermont National Guard under a Title 32 U.S.C. status. To date the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) has activated over 2.2% (70 Soldiers and Airmen out of a combined 3,000 force) of its total force on State Active Duty (SAD) status as of March 31, 2020. National Guard units under state control will execute critical missions to save lives and protect the public health and safety of all individuals in the state of Vermont.

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D. C.

Through: Captain W. Russell Webster (USCG Ret.), CEM
Regional Administrator
FEMA Region I
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR §206.36, I request that you declare a Major Disaster for Vermont as a direct result of the overwhelming and adverse impacts from the Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) beginning January 20, 2020 and continuing. Specifically, I am requesting Public Assistance Category B, and Individual Assistance, including Disaster Unemployment Assistance and Crisis Counseling Assistance/Regular Services Program for all Vermont counties.

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly evolving in Vermont. As of April 3, 2020, 5,228 tests had been completed. This includes tests completed at the Vermont Department of Health Lab (VDHL), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and commercial laboratories. Of those tested, 389 have tested positive and 17 residents have died from COVID-19. Drive-up testing is available at the following locations: Landmark College in Putney, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Copley Hospital in Morrisville, Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, Dartmouth Hitchcock, North Country Hospital in Newport, Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans, Porter Hospital in Middlebury, Springfield Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and UVM Medical Center in Burlington, with variable hours. Two new testing sites will be available at Island Pond Health Care and Champlain Islands Health Care.

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On March 13, 2020, I declared a State of Emergency which remains in effect. Under the Executive Order I restricted visitor access to nursing homes, hospitals and other health care facilities. I suspended State employee travel, prohibited large non-essential mass gatherings and suspended rules to facilitate medical services. All agencies of the state are directed to use and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities or perform any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Vermont Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety in accordance with the State Emergency Management Plan.

Using federal guidance and direction, I, along with my Commissioner of Health have supplemented the Executive Order to order aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate the outbreak. I closed schools and nursery schools and ordered planning to begin for childcare for the children of essential health care workers and first responders. Schools are required to have continuity of learning plans for remote learning implemented on or before Monday, April 13. DMV Offices have been closed for in person transactions and bars and restaurants have been closed for on-premises consumption and may only provide curbside pickup or delivery service. I have issued an order for healthcare providers to postpone elective procedures and closed close contact businesses such as hair salons and barbers, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors.

I have directed all Vermonters to "Stay Home/Stay Safe." Vermonters are directed to stay at home or their place of residence, leaving only for essential reasons. All businesses and not-for-profit entities have been directed to suspend in-person business operations and are required to develop distance-based services, with exceptions for businesses and entities providing services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security as set forth in the Order, which may remain in operation, subject to compliance with federal and state health guidance, to the extent possible.

I have ordered any person, resident or non-resident, traveling into Vermont to stay for anything other than an essential purpose, to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. Visitors are instructed not to travel to Vermont if they are displaying symptoms or if they are traveling from cities and regions identified as COVID-19 "hot spots," including, among others, the states of Florida and Louisiana and the cities of Detroit, Chicago and New York City. On-line lodging reservations have been suspended and providers shall post a prominent notice on their web platforms which advises potential guests that reservations for lodging in Vermont, as allowed, shall be accepted by phone only. Lodging services are only allowable in support of the COVID-19 Response for vulnerable populations or essential personnel. The Vermont State Police and all county and municipal law enforcement agencies shall monitor the compliance with this Executive Order and notify the Office of the Attorney General regarding potential non-compliance.

My most recent order makes clear that state agencies, municipalities and non-profits are directed to provide alternative non-congregate housing for those who would otherwise be in congregate shelters, or are exposed to or infected with COVID-19.

Preliminary damage assessments are unwise to perform now due to the dynamic nature of the pandemic. Cases continue to increase each day and ongoing life-saving response activities are overwhelming State and local resources. Further, conducting assessments at this time would jeopardize the health and safety of our collective staffs.

As of this date, the Vermont Department of Finance and Management advises that the State has already expended well over $5 million for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical equipment alone. I have determined that this health emergency is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of State and local governments and supplementary Federal assistance is necessary. Thirty-six percent (36%) of counties reported experiencing a decrease in available fire service responders this week. The Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department of Health, and Department of Human Resources are working to provide the Vermont Veterans Home with additional staff. Concerns are rising around health of employees and staffing at local food shelves should people get sick. Many employees and volunteers are in vulnerable populations. Many sites are having to limit hours due to a lack of volunteers. More than 3,000 businesses have reported an economic injury impact of $100 million and rising. Vermont Dairy Farmers are reporting a loss of $182,000 per month in income due to milk price decline, expected to worsen between April and August.

In response to the gravity and overwhelming impacts of the pandemic, I directed the execution of the State Emergency Management Plan, including activation of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on March 10, 2020.

Personnel at our State Emergency Operations Center and Health Operations Center are working tirelessly to prepare for the projected COVID-19 caseloads as the virus spreads. I have directed the establishment of multiple Medical Surge facilities off hospital grounds, arranged for innovative non-congregate housing and Isolation and Recovery sites for vulnerable populations, and made arrangements to provide food and food delivery solutions to those populations as we strive to segregate COVID-positive and COVID-negative persons from various facilities. We already have more than 700 hotel and motel rooms in use for non-congregate emergency housing to reduce the spread of infection, in accordance with my Executive Order and with oversight of our Department of Health Commissioner.

I have called upon the Vermont National Guard to assist in Medical Surge logistics and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) emergency procurement and supply chain management.

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner has implemented the disaster mortuary plan by standing up Temporary Mortuary Facilities at (4) primary sites, planning for a fixed facility for temporary mortuary, and procuring additional temporary mortuary trailers and/or trucks.

Critically, we are striving to prepare for the projected need for additional medical, epidemiological, and emergency personnel in the weeks ahead. We are currently seeking additional personnel to temporarily augment our State Emergency Operations Center and up to 55 personnel including 15 nurses to augment our Agency of Human Services. We have created a website to seek medical volunteers, with more than 700 responses received to date. This is a massive effort for the State of Vermont, and a race against time.

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) developed a process for responding to questions regarding acceptable continuation of business operations. ACCD has updated FAQs to help commercial entities, non-profits, employers to self-determine if their operations are critical to public health, safety, or economic and national security in Vermont. ACCD has also developed Stay Home Stay Safe sector-specific guidance for businesses.

In order to quickly alleviate suffering and provide support to those who continue to be severely impacted by this disaster, I am requesting you authorize Disaster Unemployment Assistance and Crisis Counseling Assistance/Regular Services Program of the Individual Assistance Program for the COVID-19 disaster.

- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance.** COVID-19 and the associated community mitigation measures, including social distancing and business and school closures, is impacting the ability for individuals to work and is resulting in unprecedented temporary and permanent unemployment for Vermont workers.

  Prior to the impact of COVID-19, the state experienced an unemployment rate of 2.4%. The most recent unemployment figures published by the U. S. Department of Labor reflect the impact of the virus on unemployment insurance claims filed. For the week ending on March 14, 2020 approximately 640 initial claims were filed. For the week ending on March 21, 2020 approximately 14,000 initial claims were filed. Total initial claims made as of Sunday March 29, 2020 were approximately 45,000 from the previous three-week period. This week, we have seen 14,633 new unemployment claims — a dramatic surge that represents a record levels of unemployment claims.

  There are hundreds more workers who are ineligible for the regular employment insurance program, including self-employed and contract workers or individuals who work for covered employers who do not earn enough wages to qualify. Many of those are/were working in food and other service occupations that have been hit hard. Disaster Unemployment Assistance provides benefits for workers that do not qualify for support through the regular unemployment insurance program. We estimate that there are more than 50,000 or 15% of the workforce who are self-employed.

- **Crisis Counseling Assistance/Regular Services Program.** The long-term impacts of this disaster include significant mental and behavioral health concerns. As senior centers, faith-based organizations and other voluntary organizations limit, close or cancel services, the local mental health need is expected to grow across the state. Many of the services provided by state and local governmental agencies have been forced to close due to concerns over public health and safety. Locations offering congregate meal site programs, behavioral health and other services to individuals and families in communities across the state, including low income and homeless individuals and families, have either closed completely or reduced their services. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected our most at-risk populations and resulted in reduced operations or closure of libraries, adult daycare centers, skilled nursing programs, counseling and support groups, senior foot care centers and many other governmental and non-governmental programs that have become vital to supporting the well-being of individuals and families in our communities.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) is taking dramatic and immediate steps in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. DMH has established alternative inpatient capacity for COVID- 19 positive individuals by implementing an alternative psychiatric facility with 10-25 beds. The establishment of this facility will accomplish 3 primary goals: first, we will have capacity to provide treatment and care to COVID-19 positive patients who have mild COVID-19 symptoms, but significant psychiatric needs (Level 1), both those currently receiving inpatient care or those who may show up in an emergency departments; second, we will mitigate the spread of COVID19 in inpatient facilities to ensure the health and safety of patients receiving treatment; and third, we will preserve resources and capacity, both within the broader medical system for those most medically acute and within our inpatient psychiatric facilities.

By strengthening and expanding community mental health services and providing a comprehensive crisis counseling assistance program. The long-term impacts to this public health emergency include significant mental health concerns as access to services and other community programs are reduced local mental health needs are expected to grow across the state. Many services provided by state and local government agencies have been reduced due to concerns over public health and safety. Locations that offer access to mental health services and supports including to very low-income families, have been closed or reduced. This includes the closure of our public schools across the state that serve to provide access to mental health services and support to children, youth and families in collaboration with local mental health agencies. Further continuing to maintain an adequate workforce to provide care in residential mental health settings is critical. The enormity of the disaster will require substantial efforts to expand capacity for supportive mental health and crisis counseling and support services Vermont is unable to adequately provide without federal assistance.

In order to strengthen and expand community mental health services and provide a comprehensive crisis counseling assistance program, the DMH is working to provide resources to community mental health and other non-profit partners for enhanced pay to direct care mental workers who are working in 24/7 residential facilities; expand the capacity and access of the local community mental health agencies and other non-profit partners to implement and utilize telephonic and/or video-chat technology to conduct therapeutic counseling, support and wellness services to vulnerable Vermonter's including children, youth and families; and to expand the capacity and access to warm line and other peer supports across the state.

The goal of these efforts will be to expand access to mental health services and supports to help those in need who are experiencing significant emotional and mental health distress as result of the COVID-19 outbreak. DMH will be the lead agency for these efforts and has experience working with community mental health and non-profit partners.

In order to mitigate suffering and protect those who continue to be severely impacted by this disaster, I am requesting that you authorize Category B Emergency Protective Measures of the Public Assistance Program for the COVID-19 disaster.

Activation Summary

Representatives from the following agencies and organizations are actively engaged in the ongoing operations of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)/Agency Operations Centers:

- Vermont Division of Emergency Management
- Vermont Department of Health [also operating the Health Operations (HOC)]
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- Vermont State Police Center
- Vermont Agency of Human Services
- Vermont Division of Fire Safety
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
- Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Vermont National Guard
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- American Red Cross
- Vermont Agency of Education
- Vermont Department of Public Service
- Vermont Judiciary
- Vermont Department of Labor
- SerVermont
- Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services
- Vermont Department of Human Resources

Local Emergency Operations Centers Activated (EOCs):

- Burlington
- Charleston
- Chittenden (town)
- Hartford
- Johnson
- Mad River Valley Regional EOC (Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, and Warren)
- Mountain Town virtual EOC (Landgrove, Londonderry, and Weston),
- Peacham
- Pomfret
- Rutland
- Strafford

I have designated the Director of Vermont Emergency Management, Erica Bornemann, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request and the Major Disaster Declaration. Ms. Bornemann will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

I thank you for the support we have received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency throughout this challenging period and for your consideration of this request for a Major Disaster Declaration.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Scott,
Governor

PBS/kp

Enclosures:
OMB No. 1660-0009/FEMA Form 010-0-13
A: Individual Assistance
B: Public Assistance
C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

OMB Control Number 1660-0009
Expires 09/30/2019

1. Request Date Apr 6, 2020

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Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R.. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.

Vermont

2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 625,741

3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name

Philip B. Scott

4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Erica Bornemann (802) 241 5487

5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Susanne R. Young, (802) 828 3322

6. Declaration Request For: ☒ Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) ☐ Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Jan. 20, 2020 End Date _____ or ☒ Continuing

If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

☐ Drought ☐ Earthquake ☐ Explosion ☐ Fire ☐ Flood ☐ Hurricane ☐ Landslide ☐ Mudslide

☐ Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning) ☐ Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) ☐ Straight-Line Winds

☐ Tidal Wave ☐ Tornado ☐ Tropical Depression ☐ Tropical Storm ☐ Tsunami ☐ Volcanic Eruption ☐ Winter Storm

☒ Other (please specify) Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

As of April 3, 2020 there were 389 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 17 deaths statewide. In an effort to mitigate the spread of the outbreak, pre-k - 12 schools as well as colleges and universities have been closed for the academic year and on line learning programs have been implemented. Gathering of more then ten people have been banned, all businesses not performing a critical function to public health and safety have been ordered to close their physical workspaces to workers, customers, and the public. All residents have been advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and other activities.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The State Emergency Operations Center and Health Operations Center have been activated to support the response to COVID-19. on March 13, 2020 the Governor issued and Executive order declaring a State of Emergency which included multiple mitigation measures and authority to activate the Vermont National Guard. Subsequent amendments to the Executive Order have announced increasingly restrictive mitigation measures and increased involvement of additional state agencies.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

☐ Individual Assistance Dates Performed **Requested** _____ **Start** _____ **End** _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
Due to the nature of the COVID-19 outbreak and concern for spreading the virus, traditional Preliminary Damage Assessments have not been conducted.

☐ Public Assistance Dates Performed **Requested** _____ **Start** _____ **End** _____

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
Due to the nature of the COVID-19 outbreak and concern for spreading the virus, traditional Preliminary Damage Assessments have not been conducted.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance ☐ N/A ☐ Individuals and Households Program ☒ Crisis Counseling Program ☒ Disaster Unemployment Assistance

☒ All ☐ Disaster Case Management ☐ Disaster Legal Services ☐ Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).
Individual Assistance programs indicated are requested for all Vermont counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).
N/A

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

**Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request*

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance ☐ N/A ☐ Debris Removal (Category A) ☒ Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) ☐ Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.
Public Assistance programs indicated are requested for all Vermont counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

☒ I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

☐ I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

☐ I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

☒ I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:
This request includes but is not limited to equipment and supplies necessary to augment Vermont's healthcare system through the establishment of intensive care facilities, support of the establishment of alternate care facilities, testing sites, the supply and distribution of testing and protective equipment, food and food delivery needs related to COVID-19 and personnel and logistical resources to support the preceding requests, any and all other Federal resources that may be later identified as necessary to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.
The evolving nature of this incident exceeds the capacity of state and local resources to protect the public health and safety or to lessen the threat of more impactful disasters throughout the spread of the virus.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

☒ N/A ☐ I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* ☒ Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date November 16, 2023 b. Type of Plan ☐ Enhanced ☒ Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

☐ I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies ☒ I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C:** Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

☒ I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Mar 10, 2020 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

☒ Cover Letter ☒ Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* ☒ Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*

☒ Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) ☐ Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)

☐ Additional Supporting Documentation _____

Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

4/6/20
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

**Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request*

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
789 Vermont National Guard Road
Colchester, Vermont 05446-3099

MEMORANDUM FOR FEMA Region I, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 99 High St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110-2320

SUBJECT: Title 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) Request for the State of Vermont in response of COVID- 19 to provide Civil Support (CS).

1. Pursusant to the President's order providing Federal support for Governor's use of the National Guard to respond to COVID-19, I am requesting that the Vermont National Guard be authorized to perform their duties under title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f).

2. Governor Scott has also submitted a COVID-19 Major Disaster declaration request pursuant to 42 U.S.C, Section 5170. This request was based on a finding that the COVID-19 disaster is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments of this state, and that Federal assistance is absolutely necessary to ensure the health and safety of all individuals in the State.

3. The Vermont National Guard (VTNG) has activated over 2.2% (70 Soldiers and Airmen out of a combined 3000 force) of its total force on State Active Duty status as of 31 March 2020.

4. I request that the State of Vermont be authorized to activate approximately 480 Vermont National Guard soldiers under title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f).

5. The use of National Guard forces under title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f) is essential to meet the immediate threats to life resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak as authorized by Sections 403 (42 U.S.C. 5170b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq., to support COVID-19 operations in Vermont.

6. The National Guard will focus primarily on managing, controlling and reducing immediate threats to public health and safety that have been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Such measures include:

a. Manning Emergency Operation Centers.

b. Planning to support State COVID-19 response operations.

c. Providing technical assistance to state, tribal, territorial or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety.

d. Providing emergency medical treatment of infected persons in shelter or in a temporary medical facility.

e. Providing support to medical facilities.

f. Providing support to establish and man temporary medical faciltiies and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons).

g. Providing emergency medical transport.

h. Providing personnel to support the transportation, movement, and distribution of supplies and persons.

7. To support the above mission, additional personnel will be necessary to provide command and control, maintencance, transportation and additional support functions to ensure the operation is self-sufficient.

8. Due to the scope and urgency of the COVID-19 Pandemic, National Guard resources are needed immediately to ensure the public health and safety of all individuals within Vermonts borders.

9. Please see the Vermont National Guard cost estimate attached.

10. The point of contact for this memorandum is BG David Manfredi at 802-338-3122 and david.t.manfredi.mil@mail.mil.

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GREGORY C. KNIGHT
Brigadier General
The Adjutant General

Reimbursable Authority Estimate

Organization Name Vermont National Guard	EXORD/DEPORD Number:
Organization Address: 789 National Guard Rd, Colchester VT 05442	Issuer: DOD
Incident Name: COVID-19	Date/Time/Group:
Requesting Financial POC: Col Michael Chase, USPFO-VT	Financial POC Email: Michael.d.chase3.mil@mail.mil
Comm Phone #: 802 338 3181/Cell 802 999 8425	Comm Fax #:
	DSN Fax #:

Estimated Requirements	**Dollar Amounts**	
Civilian Pay (Overtime)		Notes/Define Other:
Civilian Per Diem/Travel		
Transportation		
Fuel		
Flying Hours		
Air Guard Pay	$1,013,985.00	Personnel cost based on 405 ARNG and 75 ANG for 45 days. It assumed we will pay Per Dium for all Soldiers. Equipment is as defined in VT-DOMOPS force package plan. Per Diem rate is 180/day estimated 20% of force will be eligable.
Air Guard Per Diem/Travel	$607,500.00	
Air Guard Supplies (O&M)	298,282.50	
Army Guard Pay	$5,475,519.00	
Army Guard Per Diem/Travel	$3,280,500.00	
Army Guard (OMNG)	2,017,861.91	
	Total Required:	**$12,693,648.41**

Comments:

REIMBURSABLE CELL POC Information

	Date Received:

		NGB DIRECTED STANDARD RATE PER DAY	
		$480.44	
FEMA Mission Type	**PAX**	**PER DAY**	**45 DAYS**
Management Control			
Emergency Operation Costs (Includes JRSOI of volunteers)	**140**	$67,262	$3,026,772
Training specific to the declared event		$0	$0
Disinfection of eligible public facilities		$0	$0
Technical assistance	**25**	$12,011	$540,495
Emergency Medical Care			
Non deferrable medical treatment		$0	$0
Related medical facility services and supplies		$0	$0
Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity	**235**	$112,903	$5,080,653
Use of specialized medical equipment		$0	$0
Emergency medical transport (Ground)	**60**	$28,826	$1,297,188
Emergency medical transport (Air)	**20**	$9,609	$432,396
Medical waste disposal		$0	$0
Medical Sheltering			
Communications Of General Health			
Search and Rescue			
TOTALS	**480**	**$230,611**	**$10,377,504**

Equipment and O&M Expense Description	ARNG/ANG	Quantity	Cost ($'s Actuals)	Total ($'s Actuals)
	ARNG			
	ANG			
Catering Cost estimate	ANG	75	$ 27.00	91,125.00
Lodging	ANG	75	$ 30.00	101,250.00
Misc Personnel Support	ANG	75	$ 21.67	73,136.25
Meal ready to eat (MRE)	ANG	75	$ 9.71	32,771.25
Catering Cost estimate	ARNG	405	$ 27.00	492,075.00
Meal ready to eat (MRE)	ARNG	405	$ 9.71	176,964.75
Fuel Cost	ARNG			40,000.00
Lodging	ARNG	405	$ 30.00	546,750.00
HMMWV	ARNG	20	$33.09	29,781.00
Water Buffalo	ARNG	1	$5.61	252.45
Fueler	ARNG	2	$121.88	10,969.20
FLA	ARNG	6	$94.59	25,539.30
Wrecker	ARNG	2	$150.28	13,525.20
SAD Cell Phone	ARNG	3	$0.80	107.96
LMTV	ARNG	5	$56.72	12,762.00
HH-60M	ARNG	1	$2,920.00	58,400.00
GSA Van	ARNG	2	$258.00	23,220.00
GSA Bus	ARNG	4	$1,058.72	190,569.60
Forklift	ARNG	1	$44.66	2,009.70
Misc Personnel Support	ARNG	405	$ 21.67	394,935.75