October 9, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally request a waiver of the Hurricane Relief window for the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana tribal library. Our tribal library is within the Directly Impacted Areas designated by FEMA as eligible for individual assistance. Prior to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the Coushatta Tribal Library was housed in a traditional log cabin structure built in the 1990's. The extreme levels of rainfall from the storms caused significant flooding inside this building, primarily from leakage through the roof and standing water seeping in along the foundation. The Tribe did not initially file a Hurricane Relief request because our original plan was to move everything out of the building, repair the damage, and then move back into the facility. However, recent air quality testing revealed that a black mold infestation has taken hold and spread throughout the entire Tribal Library building. We have learned that we need to relocate our Tribal Library, and the fiber connectivity supported by the USAC program, to another location on the reservation. The cost estimate for moving the equipment and running the additional fiber is $23,000. Although the need for this move is a direct result of the Hurricanes, the damage (in the form of black mold) took much longer to identify, thus we are requesting this waiver.

**BEN #: 16084988**

**Entity Name:** **Coushatta Tribal Library**

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Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. The availability of reliable high speed Internet services significantly enhances our ability to communicate within our tribal community, and provide us with access to such services as emergency weather alerts, digital programming in Koasati (the native language of the Coushatta people), and other services of great benefit to the tribal people.

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