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**Memorandum To:** Official Grant File

**From:** Orbin Terry, NEPA Coordinator

**Subject:** Categorical Exclusion for Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program allows eligible states, local units of government, and tribes to support a broad range of activities including preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

All recipients of CESF funding must assist BJA in complying with NEPA and other related federal environmental impact analyses requirements in the use of grant funds, whether the funds are used directly by the grantee or by a sub-grantee or third party.

BJA's expectation is that none of the following activities will be conducted whether under this federal award or a related third party action:

- (1) New construction
- (2) Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species
- (3) A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size
- (4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment
- (5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories) other than chemicals that are (a) purchased as an incidental component of a funded activity and (b) traditionally used, for example, in office, household, recreational, or education environments.

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the Office of Justice Programs' criteria for a categorical exclusion as contained in paragraph 4(b) of Appendix D to Part 61 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

If, however, award funds are proposed to be used for any of the enumerated projects or activities above, grant recipients must contact their grant manager, and receive written approval prior to commencing that project or activity.

Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant manager or Orbin Terry, Environmental Coordinator for BJA.