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Dear Ms. Lowry:

Thank you for your letter dated September 16, 2019 regarding Planning Assistance to the States (PAS) funding. Specifically, your letter expressed concern regarding limiting PAS funding to only flood risk management activities.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 President's Budget includes \$5 million for PAS work and, in accordance with the FY 2020 justification sheet for the PAS program, limits the use of these funds to flood risk management activities. As a core mission area for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Administration believes that at least \$5 million of the PAS funds should be dedicated to flood risk management activities. However, the FY 2020 justification sheet does not limit how previously appropriated funding, additional funding which might be provided by Congress in an enacted appropriations bill, or funding which might be added to the PAS program in a work plan may be used. Therefore, if Congress passes and the President signs an FY 2020 appropriations bill which allots more funding to the PAS program, the Corps and my office will review all authorized purposes of the PAS program before determining how to allocate the additional funds.

Thank you for your support of the Army Civil Works Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.D. James", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)