

**Minor Amendment – October 14, 2016**  
**National Disaster Resilience Competition – Phase II Application**

**City of Springfield, MA**

**Exhibit G: Factor 5 – Long-Term Commitments**

*Climate Change Plan.* Springfield completed the first phase of its Climate Change Plan in October 2015. For this phase, the City engaged the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Partners for a Healthier Community (with participation from the Springfield Climate Justice Coalition) to produce a preliminary framework for the plan, review the framework with stakeholders, and revise to reflect community input. Phase 2 of this planning process will inventory actual greenhouse gas emissions; establish baselines and progress benchmarks; engage stakeholders to establish goals, actions, strategies and policies; and produce a final plan. While the City is seeking NDR funds to support phase 2, Springfield commits to complete the Climate Change Plan by June 30, 2017, whether or not the Plan receives CDBG-NDR funds.

**Explanation**

The City has changed the completion date for phase 2 of the Climate Change Plan from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. While the City committed to complete the plan whether or not it received CDBG-NDR funds, the City was awarded CDBG-NDR funds in January 2016, and based on its commitment in its CDBG-NDR application, the City has designated these funds to pay the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and Partners for a Healthier Community (PHC) to perform the research and undertake the community engagement needed to produce the phase 2 plan.

Unfortunately, the City did not receive a grant agreement for the CDBG-NDR funds until October, 2016, which does not provide PVPC and PHC with sufficient time to complete the project. The City is extending the completion date to June 20, 2017 in order to allow PVPC and PHC sufficient time to complete their work in a quality manner and with significant public engagement.

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