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Craig Fugate, Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Director Fugate:

Please accept this letter as support for the San Diego Burn Institute's (Burn Institute) recent Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety grant. The Burn Institute's grant request will fund an important resource handbook, *The Red Guide to Recovery* (The Guide), for disaster survivors. This handbook provides essential resources to assist disaster survivors on their path to recovery, providing the tools they need to recover self-sufficiently. The Guide, along with the supplemental website, provides a complete road map of the steps survivors need to take to safely and seamlessly recover from natural or man-made disasters. The resource handbook is beneficial not only to the individuals who utilize it but also to their employers who realize a more disaster resilient workforce will help to reduce business interruption and financial loss. To address that, the Burn Institute's outreach will also target large organizations and businesses to provide The Guide to their employees.

Though the Burn Institute is a nonprofit agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego and Imperial counties, the handbook will be available for distribution throughout the state. California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) supports the guide and is willing to partner with the Burn Institute to distribute it statewide. Other endorsements have been received from the California Fire Chiefs' Association, CAL FIRE, San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association, and the American Red Cross.

The Burn Institute has been nationally recognized as having some of the most effective fire and burn prevention education programs in the country. The emotional, financial, and physical damage caused by natural disasters - both large and everyday - is often overwhelming. When a disaster strikes, many people do not know where to turn or are so overwhelmed they do not know where to start. **The Red Guide to Recovery** is the ultimate resource for these individuals, providing them with easy steps to put their lives back together. The Guide also provides individuals, in a simple, straightforward handbook, information they need to be self-sufficient, well-prepared, knowledgeable, and safer when disaster strikes. I hope FEMA will support this important project through the Fire Prevention and Safer Grant.

Sincerely,



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