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**Mr. N Vimba**  
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Dear Mr Vimba

**RE: REQUEST TO RELEASE FUNDS FROM THE DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS FOR INTERVENTION MEASURES FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR**

National Treasury has been working closely with the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) to coordinate the release of funding in response to the national state of disaster declared in Government Gazette No. 43096 on 15 March 2020 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am writing to you in response to your letter of 25 March 2020 to approve that an amount of **R466 392 000** in 2019/20 may be transferred to provincial health departments through the Provincial Disaster Relief Grant. This approval is granted in terms of section 26(3) of the Division of Revenue Act (Act 16 of 2019 – "the Act"). The following amounts are approved to be transferred to each province (in line with the allocations contained in your letter):

**Provincial Disaster Relief Grant allocations, 2019/20**

| <b>R'000</b>  | <b>2019/20 allocations</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Eastern Cape  | 44 551                     |
| Free State    | 12 429                     |
| Gauteng       | 115 996                    |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 138 918                    |
| Limpopo       | 42 449                     |
| Mpumalanga    | 33 993                     |
| Northern Cape | 6 224                      |
| North West    | 18 540                     |
| Western Cape  | 53 292                     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>466 392</b>             |

As we indicated in a letter to your department on 24 March 2020, National Treasury has already converted R335 488 000 from the Municipal Disaster Relief Grant to the Provincial Disaster Relief Grant, as envisaged in section 21(7)(a) of the Act. In terms of 26(3)(d) of the Act, National Treasury also approves that the funds allocated to provincial health departments may be spent between March 2020 and October 2020. To discuss any matters that might require clarity on the abovementioned information, you can contact Steven Kenyon at [steven.kenyon@treasury.gov.za](mailto:steven.kenyon@treasury.gov.za) or on 012 395 6682.

Kind regards

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**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**  
Date: 25/03/2020

CC: Dr. M. Tau, Head of the National Disaster Management Centre