ONE BALDWIN STREET MONTPELIER, VT 05633-5701

SEN. ANN CUMMINGS, CHAIR REP. CATHERINE TOLL, VICE-CHAIR REP. JANET ANCEL SEN. TIMOTHY ASHE REP. PETER FAGAN, CLERK



TEL: (802) 828-2295 FAX: (802) 828-2483 https://ljfo.vermont.gov/

REP. MARY HOOPER SEN. M. JANE KITCHEL REP. BILL LIPPERT SEN. RICHARD SEARS SEN. RICHARD WESTMAN

STATE OF VERMONT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Agenda

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Meeting available by LIVE Stream

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order and approve minutes of November 14 and 20, 2020 [Approved]
- 9:35 a.m. A. Administration Fiscal Updates

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

- a. Status of Wastewater and Water Supply Arrearages
- b. Status of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation and expenditure
- 9:50 a.m. B. CRF Requests for Reallocation [Summary of Requests]

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management Douglas Farnham, Chief Operational Officer, and Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of Economic Development Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

- 1. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$1,750,000</u> Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for grants to eligible businesses that applied to the working lands program. [**Disapproved**]
- 2. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$2,100,000</u> Department of Financial Regulation for eligible employees receive a Hazard Pay Grants. [Approved]
- 3. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$3,200,000</u> Agency of Human Services for additional Hazard Pay to frontline mental health, substance use, and developmental disability staff at Designated Agencies and Specialized Service Agencies. [**Disapproved**]
- 4. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$975,000</u> Military Department for additional funding to support various National Guard missions through December 30, 2020 in response to COVID-19. [Approved]

- 5. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$\$6,000,000</u> Agency of Administration to cover the estimated expense of denied FEMA claims. [**Disapproved**]
- 6. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of \$10,000,000</u> Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Department of Taxes for an increase in funding to meet Expanded Economic Development Grants for businesses not included in the Accommodations and Food Services sectors (per NAICS). [Disapproved]
- 7. <u>CRF Reallocation Request of (TBD)</u> Agency of Administration for contingent reallocation authority of CRF which are currently encumbered but may become unencumbered during the CRF reconciliation process and into calendar year 2021. [Disapproved]
- 8. REVISED CRF Reallocation Request of (TBD) Agency of Administration for authority to reallocate CRF funds which may become unobligated or unexpended throughout the CRF reconciliation process in the following categories: 1) costs associated with FEMA claims; and 2) eligible payroll expenses incurred during the covered period (March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020). Any additional funds would be made available to the Department of Labor for reimbursement of claims expenditures per Act 154 Sec. B.1108(d). [Approved]

10:50 a.m. C. Grants

1. <u>JFO #3028 - \$90,455.00</u> to the VT. Department of Motor Vehicles from the Federal Highway Association to increase the amount of tax revenue available for highway programs by increasing highway use tax compliance efforts with emphasis on motor fuel taxes. This request does not stem from the state or federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Approved]

Alicia Carusona, Tax Field Auditor III, Department of Motor Vehicles

11:00 a.m. Adjourn and next meeting, December 21

Updated 12/9/2020 at 1:26 p.m.