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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-07

ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO EVALUATE AND IMPLEMENT FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS FUNDING

WHEREAS, I issued a proclamation on March 13, 2020, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Idaho pursuant to Chapter 10, Title 46, Idaho Code, due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, I issued a proclamation on March 25, 2020, declaring a state of extreme emergency in the State of Idaho pursuant to Chapter 6, Title 46, Idaho Code, due to the increasing occurrence and threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, each of those Proclamations remain in effect today; and

WHEREAS, significant financial obligations and expenses have been and will be incurred by various state agencies and local governments in Idaho that are responding to and assisting in efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Congress has passed, and President Trump has signed, three legislative packages that provide state funding in response to COVID-19: The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-123); The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127); and The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136); and

WHEREAS, I anticipate additional Congressional action on a federal relief package to states regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, federal funding must be judiciously and prudently managed on behalf of all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of federal funding must not impede or inhibit the state's Constitutional mandate to provide a long-term, structurally balanced budget for the people of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby order:

1. *The creation of a COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC), to be headed by the Administrator of the Division of Financial Management (DFM) and comprised of members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Members include, but are not limited to:*
    a. *A representative of the State Controller's Office;*
    b. *A representative of the Office of the Governor;*
    c. *The director or a representative of the following state agencies:*
        i. *Department of Health & Welfare;*
        ii. *Department of Labor;*
        iii. *Department of Commerce;*
        iv. *State Board of Education;*
    d. *A representative of the Idaho Indian Tribes;*
    e. *A representative of the Association of Idaho Cities;*
    f. *A representative of the Idaho Association of Counties;*
    g. *A representative from an Idaho small business;*
    h. *A representative from an Idaho large business; and*
    i. *The co-chairs of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.*

2. *Any state agency or commission anticipating or applying for direct federal funding related to the COVID-19 response shall, by April 17, 2020, report the following information to CFAC:*
    a. *The amount of new federal funding it anticipates receiving;*
    b. *The timeframe for the receipt of funds and when the federal funding ends;*
    c. *Whether the anticipated funding is allocated through an existing or new federal program and, if an existing program, the current amount of state General Fund or state dedicated fund committed to the program;*
    d. *Whether any additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the federal funds; and*
    e. *Requirements associated with spending the federal funds, including but not limited to state match or cost share requirements, percentage limitations and timeframes.*

3. *State agencies or commissions anticipating or applying for federal funding related to the COVID-19 response shall:*
    a. *To the extent allowable under law, leverage the new federal funding to offset existing state General Fund obligations rather than apply the federal funds to new or expanded programs; and*

b. *Limit the hiring of personnel in connection with or as a result on the new federal funding to limited service employees whose employment shall not last beyond the expenditure of the federal funds.*

4. *For the Coronavirus Relief Fund and other funds to be administered by the Office of the Governor, CFAC shall make recommendations to the Governor for prioritizing the use of funds, and establish an equitable and accountable process for state agencies, local and tribal governments to submit for reimbursement of costs that are incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020, that were not accounted for in their most recent budget.*
    a. *CFAC shall require uniform reports from state agencies and local governments to ensure the receipt, disbursement, and use of federal funds is in alignment with federal law; and*
    b. *CFAC shall coordinate with the State Controller on the development of a reporting dashboard through Transparent Idaho to apprise Idahoans of how federal funds are being spent in response to COVID-19.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE