

Today's CFAC Committee was held to discuss five different proposals: Office of Group Insurance, Department of Administration, Higher Education, Parks and Recreation, and Audit and Compliance Support.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 12:01pm with Chantel Greene, Representative Youngblood, Representative Wintrow, and Tom Kealey absent.

First, Jennifer Pike from the Office of Group Insurance presented her proposal for up to \$10 million to reimburse the health plan costs of diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 for claims made by the state. The \$10 million will cover current claims as well as cover any further claims through the rest of the year – to date the Office of Group Insurance has incurred \$4.77 million in claims. Lisa Hettinger moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Shawn Keough. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Keith Reynolds presented the Department of Administration's three-part proposal. First, it would give \$530,000 for audio and visual upgrades in the state's JRW building as well as building Six at the Chinden campus for remote conferencing as these rooms do not have the ability to do this currently. Second, the proposal would give \$75,000 to replace the hydraulic lift in the basement of the Capitol Mall Parking Garage that has gotten a significant increase in usage with the distribution of PPE the Department has been doing. Last, the proposal would give \$75,000 to install touchless drinking fountains around capitol mall buildings as all drinking fountains have been shut off due to COVID. Jani Revier moved to accept the proposal, seconded by John Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Shawn Keough presented the State Board of Education's proposal for \$5 million in funding for the state colleges and university, then another \$1 million for private universities to help with COVID expenditures that have been incurred. The allotment of money would be divided among the universities based on current enrollment data and would be based on a reimbursement model rather than granting the money them. The State Controller's Office would approve the expenses based on their validity and alignment with Treasury Guidance. Matt Newton moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Dennis Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Susan Buxton from Parks and Recreation presented her proposal for \$1.1 million to address COVID related maintenance and capital projects as many parking lots, trash collections, and park facilities have seen a large increase in usage do to COVID. Susan Buxton emphasized that these capital projects could be done by December 30<sup>th</sup> to stay in alignment with Treasury guidance and noted that Utah made significant investments in parks with CRF funds. Along with this Susan Buxton proposed \$192,321 for the increase of reservations and cancelations in Parks and Recreation's online system. A member of the public asked if this use of the funds was in line with Treasury guidance, both Chairman Adams and Susan Buxton clarified that with their legal analysis believed that it was an allowable expense and consistent with other states like Utah. Matt Newton moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Jani Revier. The motion passed unanimously.

Last, Joshua Whitworth presented a proposal from the State Controllers Office for \$2.3 million to give support for compliance with federal requirements on audit and compliance related costs. This will support the team performing the audit from the Legislative Services Office as well as other auxiliary staff for the State Controller to help aid these tasks and with augmenting the recommendations CFAC has

made through the summer. Senator Bair asked if the additional employees being hired are being hired as temporary, to which Joshua Whitworth responded that they would be. Bobbi-Jo Meuleman moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Senator Bair. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adams concluded the meeting stating that for the most part, the committee has completed its work and should standby to address any further emergency proposals as well as make any final allocations with what was underspent in existing allocations.