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December 16, 2020

Alex J. Adams, Chairman
Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)
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Chairman Adams,

I have reviewed the recommendations of the Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee, agree with and approve the funding recommendations as follows:

- \$150,585,940 to cover payroll expenses of public health and public safety personnel, as described in Appendix A.
- \$2,100,000 to cover direct COVID-19 healthcare expenses for local governments, as described in Appendix B.

In my judgment, these are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency and align with the U.S. Treasury guidance on allowable uses of funds.

Please work with the State Controller on carrying out these recommendations and reporting all expenditures to Transparent Idaho.

Best regards,

Brad Little
Governor



December 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

FROM: Alex J. Adams, DFM Administrator

SUBJECT: **State Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs**

The September 2nd [guidance](#) from Treasury provided detail on when state and local governments may cover public health and safety payroll costs:

Public health and public safety

In recognition of the particular importance of public health and public safety workers to State, local, and tribal government responses to the public health emergency, Treasury has provided, as an administrative accommodation, that a State, local, or tribal government may presume that public health and public safety employees meet the substantially dedicated test, unless the chief executive (or equivalent) of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise. This means that, if this presumption applies, work performed by such employees is considered to be a substantially different use than accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020. All costs of such employees may be covered using payments from the Fund for services provided during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

In response to questions regarding which employees are within the scope of this accommodation, Treasury is supplementing this guidance to clarify that public safety employees would include police officers (including state police officers), sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, firefighters, emergency medical responders, correctional and detention officers, and those who directly support such employees such as dispatchers and supervisory personnel. Public health employees would include employees involved in providing medical and other health services to patients and supervisory personnel, including medical staff assigned to schools, prisons, and other such institutions, and other support services essential for patient care (e.g., laboratory technicians) as well as employees of public health departments directly engaged in matters related to public health and related supervisory personnel.



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DFM worked closely with the Legislative Services Office in vetting positions that met this presumption. In addition, Treasury allows coverage for positions that were substantially diverted to COVID-19 where proper documentation exists.

A summary of these positions by agency follow:

Agency	Payroll for Targeted Positions (Up to)
Attorney General	\$324,161
Department of Correction	\$107,014,176
Department of Juvenile Correction	\$8,075,356
Idaho State Police	\$13,598,546
Department of Health & Welfare	\$5,485,400
Health Education Programs	\$16,088,301
Total	\$150,585,940



December 13, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

FROM: Alex J. Adams, DFM Administrator

SUBJECT: **Local Government Direct COVID-19 Healthcare Costs**

In October, CFAC approved up to \$10 million for direct reimbursements to the Office of Group Insurance. This allocation was to cover costs to state employees and their dependents for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases and for COVID-19 testing. These were not expected costs when the budget was established.

All cities and counties had the opportunity to similar submit their direct healthcare costs for reimbursement through their initial allocations.

For administrative convenience, we discussed with the associations making direct allocations to the following insurers after pulling back unspent money, given that they cover multiple Idaho local governments:

- III-A, representing 40 cities, 20 fire and EMS districts, 6 highway districts, 2 irrigation districts, 2 water and sewer districts, 2 recreation districts, and 5 other local government entities
 - Up to \$800,000
- GEM Plan: representing 24 Idaho counties
 - Up to \$1,300,000

Reimbursement would be on actual COVID-19 claims.