May 18, 2020

Lisa Brown, Director
Department of Commerce
Mail Stop 42525
Olympia, WA 98504-2525

Dear Director Brown:

Pursuant to Chapter 7, Laws of 2020, I hereby allocate $5.0 million to the Department of Commerce from the Disaster Response Account. This allocation is provided for the department to distribute to the 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington to assist them in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-related expenditures may include purchasing personal protective equipment, performing testing, assisting individuals who are homeless with social distancing and other prevention measures, providing quarantine and isolation space, purchasing health equipment and other health care costs, and covering the required unemployment match. Each tribe will receive $100,000 for these purposes and the remaining $2.1 million will be distributed based on population.

Using expenditure authority codes 6C0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet to the Office of Financial Management using the “Operating Allocation” packet type. If you receive any federal funding for this purpose, report the amount and fund source to OFM so we can appropriately account for it.

We appreciate your vital efforts in responding to this health crisis. If you have any questions, please contact Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget, at (360) 902-0542 or nona.snell@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher
Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
    Michael Bezanson, Staff Coordinator, Senate Ways and Means Committee
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