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Cheryl Strange, Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services
P.O. Box 45010
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Dear Secretary Strange:

Pursuant to Chapter 7, Laws of 2020, I hereby allocate \$15.6 million from the Disaster Response Account to the Department of Social and Health Services to address various needs related to the coronavirus pandemic. This allocation is provided solely for the purposes described below.

TANF Extension and Sanction Reduction – \$1.5 million. This allocation will enable the department to reduce non-compliance sanctions for TANF recipients in April while many WorkFirst services are suspended due to the coronavirus. It also temporarily extends the 60-month lifetime limit during the outbreak.

Disaster Cash Assistance Program – \$12.6 million. This allocation will provide assistance to individuals and families without children in April, pursuant to Governor's Proclamation 20-18 which expanded eligibility for the Family Emergency Assistance Program.

Food Assistance Program – \$1.5 million. This allocation will fund the required match for the Food Assistance Program in March and April for the benefit level of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Using expenditure authority code 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 these purposes, 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

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