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Cheryl Strange, Secretary  
Department of Social and Health Services  
P.O. Box 45130  
Olympia, WA 98504-5130

Dear Secretary Strange:

Pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), I hereby allocate \$247,017,000 from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) to the Department of Social and Health Services. The purpose of this allocation is to fund the following expenditures:

**Economic Services Administration: \$13,946,000**

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) caseload impacts due to COVID-19 policy changes between July – December 2020. These policy changes waive the 60-month time limit and participation requirements, totaling \$8,862,000.
- Required match for the Food Assistance Program (FAP) to mirror the maximum Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit amount per a federal waiver between July – December 2020, totaling \$5,084,000.

**Aging & Long Term Services Administration & Developmental Disabilities Administration: \$233,071,000**

- Increased rates associated with residential and in-home providers between July – December 2020.

According to guidance issued by the federal government on the Coronavirus Relief Funds, for a cost to be considered to have been incurred, the performance or delivery must take place by December 30, 2020, but payment can occur up to 90 days afterwards.

The Office of Financial Management has approved this allocation in Unanticipated Receipt #0136. Using expenditure authority code 7Z0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet using the “Operating Allocation” packet type. In addition, ALTSA and DDA are directed to place \$93,322,000 of General Fund-State in unallotted reserve status for the enhanced FMAP match received by the department.

We appreciate your continued efforts in responding to this health crisis. If you have any questions, please contact OFM Budget Operations at (360) 902-0555 or [budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

David Schumacher  
Director

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