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October 6, 2020

Suzi LeVine, Commissioner  
Employment Security Department  
P.O. Box 9046  
Olympia, WA 98507

Dear Commissioner LeVine:

Pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), I hereby allocate **\$209,713** from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) to the Employment Security Department for the state's share of the administrative expenses associated with the federal Lost Wages Assistance program.

ESD received an award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Unanticipated Receipts #0183 and 0208) to provide a weekly lost wage supplement of \$300 to eligible unemployment claimants for the six-week period of July 26 – September 5, 2020. OFM [allocated funds for the state match for the first five weeks](#) of the program on September 18, 2020.

For the sixth week of benefits (August 30 – September 5, 2020), the lost wage assistance program will require \$838,851 in administrative expenses, and the state must provide a 25 percent match of **\$209,713**. The state match is an eligible expense for CARES Act funding (Coronavirus Relief Funds).

The Office of Financial Management approved the state match funding for the sixth week of the program in Unanticipated Receipt #0125. Please submit the required allotment amendment packet to OFM using the "Operating Allocation" packet type with expenditure authority code 7Z0 for General Fund-Federal.

We appreciate your vital 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Schumacher".

David Schumacher  
Director

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