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Derek Sandison, Director
Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 42560
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Dear Director Sandison:

Pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), I hereby allocate \$9,425,000 to the Department of Agriculture from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) for COVID-related food security.

Of this allocation, \$4,425,000 is provided to increase the capacity of the state's Emergency Food Assistance Program and to purchase food, PPE and supplies for distribution to non-profit food banks and food pantries. The department must work to leverage this funding as a match for grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program.

In addition, \$5,000,000 of this allocation is to create a financial assistance program for small-scale meat processors to increase capacity and address labor shortages due to the pandemic.

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 to the Office of Financial Management using the "Operating Allocation" packet type.

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.

Sincerely,

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

David Schumacher
Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
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