



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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TO: Select Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: END OF BIENNIUM GATED FUNDING RELEASE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Section 701 of the enacted 2022 supplemental operating budget (ESSB 5693) requires some funding allocated to information technology projects to be withheld at each stage of the project but remain allocated to the project. The funding holdback is released to the agency only after successful completion of each stage (gate) of the project.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer and Office of Financial Management want to support the success of your IT projects under gated funding oversight and the timely release of 2021-23 funds. Based on your project's approved technology budget, if the current gate is scheduled to end before June 30, 2023, the normal IT gated funding process will be followed. If the current gate is scheduled to end after June 30, 2023, see the information below for guidance.

Table with 3 columns: Entity, Task, Deadline. Rows include Agency (Completes gate deliverables), Agency (Submits gate certification application to OCIO), OCIO (Validates the project meets gate requirements...), OFM (For IT Pool projects, sends funding approval memo...), and Agency (Works with accounting team to book project accrual...).

If you have a unique situation not addressed above or additional questions regarding the end of biennium gated funding release process, please work with your accounting team and contact your OFM Statewide Accounting Consultant, OFM Budget Advisor and/or assigned OCIO oversight consultant for further assistance.

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