

Dear Project Proposer:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Financial Management (OFM) regarding the federal recovery package. Now that legislation has been passed by Congress and signed by President Obama, we are beginning to get a clearer sense of how the funds will be distributed.

The federal government has chosen to dispense the funds through already-established channels whenever possible. Therefore, most of the dollars will flow through the state agency that normally handles each type of funding. For example, funding for clean water projects will go through the state Department of Ecology and funding for drinking water projects through the state Department of Health.

Some funds will be disbursed directly to local entities based on pre-existing formulas, such as Title I and special education funding to school districts. The state will distribute some funds while other funds will be accessible only through the relevant federal agency. Fund sources we have identified thus far as being available by application, and the agency responsible for distributing the money, are available at <http://recovery.wa.gov/programcontacts.asp>.

Because each fund source will have unique criteria that must be met by the applicant, you will need to follow the application process each agency has established to be considered for funding. Since the timelines for distributing funds are generally very short, I encourage you to contact the relevant agency as soon as possible to find out what you need to do to apply. **Having sent your project to the Governor's office or to OFM does not mean you have applied for any specific program or program funding.** We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause for those who have already contacted us, but we hope you will appreciate the importance of following the process called for by the final federal package.

The online list represents what we know today about any funds that you can access by application; however, we get new information each day, so we encourage you to check the list regularly. I also encourage you to check in with your normal agency contacts for any changes that may make funds available for your projects and to visit our website, <http://recovery.wa.gov>, for up-to-date information about the state's recovery efforts.

If you have additional questions about the process to apply for federal funds, please contact the person identified for your area of interest on the attached list. If you have general questions about the process, these can be directed to Tom Saelid at OFM at (360) 902-0562.

Sincerely,



Victor A. Moore
Director