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August 27, 2020 Public Records Request Response

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September 11, 2020

Laura Belin
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Dear Laura,

This letter and accompanying materials are in response to the request received by our office on August 27, 2020 for public records.

You submitted the following questions and information requests:

- (1) You wrote, "funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act supplemented the full salaries and benefits" of 21 staffers in the governor's office from March 14, 2020 through June 30, 2020. I understood that to mean that CARES Act funds covered the entire ("full") amount of the salaries and benefits of those employees. But I wanted to double-check since you wrote "supplemented," which could be understood to mean covered only part of those expenses.
- (2) Assuming I have understood you correctly, are CARES Act funds still covering the full salaries and benefits of the same staffers in the governor's office during fiscal year 2021 to date? (I believe all of them are still with the governor's office, other than Kirby Connell.) Have any new or additional staffers in the governor's office been added to that list of employees whose compensation is being paid for with CARES Act funds?
- (3) If CARES Act funds are still covering salaries and benefits for staff in the governor's office, will that arrangement continue as long as the governor's public health emergency proclamations remain in effect?
- (4) Looking at the attached document, which you sent yesterday, I don't see any fund transfers to the governor's office or to any entity that would pay salaries or benefits to staff in the governor's office. But the compensation for those 21 staffers from March 14 through June 30 would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. What am I missing here? Where did those funds go?

(5) What is the total amount of CARES Act funding that went toward supplementing salaries and benefits for staff in the governor's office from March 14, 2020 to June 30, 2020?

(6) What is the total amount of CARES Act funding that has been used since July 1, 2020 to cover salaries and benefits for staff in the governor's office?

Response to (1) CARES Act funds covered 62.59% of the salaries and benefits of those employees listed in the attached spreadsheet from March 14 through June 30, 2020.

Response to (2) The Department of Management does not have any documents responsive to your request.

Response to (3) The Department of Management does not have any documents responsive to your request.

Response to (4) The State's fiscal year runs from July 1 to the following June 30. The State of Iowa operates on a modified accrual basis. The transfers of funds for Fiscal Year 2020 can be made through September 30, 2020 when the fiscal year is officially closed. Funds will be transferred prior to the September 30, 2020 deadline.

Response to (5) The total amount of Cares Act Funding that supplemented the salaries and benefits for staff in the Governor's Office from March 14, 2020 to June 30, 2020 is \$448,448.86 for wages and benefits.

Response to (6) The Department of Management does not have documents responsive to your request.

There are no other documents responsive to your request.

Our office provides up to ten copies and three hours of staff time free of charge. Additional copies are ten cents a page and \$33 an hour for attorney review time. There is no charge for this request.

If any documents were released that are subject to an exception, this office does not waive the applicable exception. We believe this response satisfies your public records request made on August 27, 2020.

Sincerely,

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