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Greetings,

Hope this finds each of you doing well, and staying safe! As our nation and state navigate through the ongoing COVID-19 response, we wanted to take a few minutes to update our grantees on the status of our operations in the Public Safety Office (PSO).

Effective Friday March 20, 2020, and until further notice, the Office of the Governor is transitioning into a telework status. PSO staff are working remotely and will continue to be available to assist grantees, stakeholders, and the public. Likewise, all grant-related systems and services are available. We are committed to keeping the office fully operational throughout the duration of this unforeseen event, and will be available to you.

To that end, we understand that you too are facing the challenge of keeping business functions intact and as you transition into new operating models, you may incur unanticipated costs associated with your grant programs. To the extent that these costs are eligible within your grant, based on state and federal grant guidelines, our grant managers are standing by to expeditiously process grant adjustment requests. As a reminder, all grantees except those receiving NSGP or OPSG funds may move up to 10% of your total award amount among or within approved budget categories and line items (except Equipment and Indirect) without pre-approval from PSO. New expenses for line items not currently in your approved budget will require a budget adjustment in the eGrants system. Please refer to [PSO's Guide to Grants](#) or reach out to your Grant Manager for more information on eligible costs and/or how to submit a budget adjustment.

Additionally, PSO has received inquiries about upcoming grant reporting deadlines, and the possibility of extensions to those deadlines. While we understand that the nation's response to the COVID-19 Virus has disrupted the administrative operations of many of our grantees, PSO unfortunately has not received any deadline relief on our reporting due dates from our federal funders. At this time, we intend to maintain the current deadlines that have been in place for many months on your grants. We will reassess this decision in the coming weeks as the public health crisis evolves, or if we are granted a federal extension to the state's deadlines. As a reminder each grant official can access the eGrants system from any web connected device, enabling grant users to access our system away from traditional office spaces.

In closing we would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for all that you are doing to help our great state navigate these uncharted waters. You are the frontline of public safety in our state, and without you and your efforts the odds would be stacked against us. Please be safe out there, and take the necessary precautions to ensure your own safety.

Kind Regards,  
Aimee Snoddy  
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