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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under Assembly Bill 417 (AB-417), the Governor is required to award funds accepted under section 602 of the federal Social Security Act (the Act) as amended by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 (ARPA), in the amount of \$4,597,900 to an eligible recipient for a regional forensic science system in Marathon County. The Department of Administration (Department) is responsible for determining the eligible recipient.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) under section 602 of the Act as amended by ARPA. Under the IFR, eligible uses for CSFRF funding include supporting public health expenditures; addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replacing lost public sector revenue; providing premium pay for essential workers; and investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The State's Recovery Fund allocation under the program is \$2,533,160,626.50, and will be received in two equal tranches.

The Department is responsible for the administration of the State's CSFRF. As such, the Department would be responsible for: determining the eligibility and any restrictions of use of those funds for all aspects of the forensic center grant project; if eligible, awarding the ARPA grant funds of \$4,597,900 to its selected recipient; and for administering the grant to the selected recipient. The Department would be responsible for setting criteria and developing an appropriate application or selection process in order to determine the award recipient, while adhering to State procurement policies and practices.

The grant amount of \$4,597,900 in sum would be deployed from the State's ARPA funding allocation as administered by the Department and would consequently not be available for granting or allocating under other purposes.

The Department anticipates one-time and ongoing staff efforts necessary for selecting the grant recipient and for the granting and administration of the proposed funding allocation. Departmental staff time would be required to understand and consult on the necessary specifications and needs for a forensic center for Marathon County in order to select the award recipient. Departmental staff efforts would be required for federal reporting for the grant project, including for Treasury reporting, etc., for providing technical assistance to the grant recipient, and for the necessary reporting and auditing of the use of ARPA funds awarded by the Department. Departmental staff time would be required to award the grant amount to the selected entity and for coordination to receive spend and obligation reporting. The Department anticipates that the staff time necessary for the award recipient selection and grant administration would be able to be absorbed by existing staffing levels.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications