

Responses to the questions below – please let me know if the committee had wanted something more formal than this. I will be producing a monthly update on the 31st per Act 137.

Sincerely,

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1. Set up – were there any issues related to setting up and administering the programs? **No, we were able to create an online form through our website which we manage ourselves. This was a big lift, but our very capable web manager provided this service and we were able stand both grant programs up within weeks of passage at no extra charge to the State.**
2. Funding
 - a. How much of the funding has been sent to recipients? How many recipients? **None at this point - application windows for the grants close on September 1 and September 4, respectively.**

Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization (CMRD) Grant 8/26/20	
45	Number of applicants
\$795,523	Total Requested
\$996,633	Total Requested if 20k cap removed

Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) Grant 8/26/20	
11	Number of applicants
\$289,167	Total Requested

- b. How much is committed and when will these funds be sent to recipients? How many recipients?

We anticipate for DGZ that we will be able to fully reimburse the requested amounts. If there are funds left over, Act 137 requires it to be reported back to the Legislature. Funds will be distributed after documentation of expense is received, this will vary by Town but occur between September and December.

- c. How much is uncommitted? What is the plan for spending these funds? Accepting additional applications? What are the deadlines?

The CMRD grants have approximately \$1 million remaining uncommitted, and the LGER grants have \$12.3 million but we are beginning to see an increase in the rate of LGER applications. After conducting multiple webinars and outreach efforts we are beginning to receive more applications. Available funding will be analyzed after all applications have been received.

3. What is the expected Total Spend? \$13 million was allocated for the LGER program. If demand exceeds that amount, we will prorate the distribution. It is too early to tell if that program will be underspent. The CMRD program is now expected to exceed \$1 million of spend.
4. Other issues – as you learn more about these programs, please share other