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Dear Director, Commission, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the Commission's recommendations contained in your January 13, 2022 letter to consider American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). I approve the following recommendations:

- o \$6,092,014 for ELC for Prevention and Control Emerging Infectious Diseases,
- o \$142,473 for ELC: Strengthen Public Health Laboratory Preparedness, and
- o \$30,021,405 for the remaining Child Care Stabilization Grants.

Presently, the recommendations comply with ARPA and all available guidance.

I also approve the Department's recommendation of allocating \$523,793 of supplemental funding received for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, and Mobile Units as contained in Director Meier's memo.

This program complies with ARPA and all available guidance.

I look forward to continued collaboration with the Commission and Department as we work to make critical investments in Montana's health and human services and to stabilize Montana's childcare system.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Gianforte  
Governor

cc: Representative Frank Garner, Chair, ARPA Health Advisory Commission  
Representative Mary Caferro, Vice-Chair, Legislative Finance Committee  
Adam Meier, Director, MT DPHHS