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REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Commerce
 Department number: 60100
 Name of contact person: Alison Widmer
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
Operating	\$1,550,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? Yes
 Agency name: North Dakota Parks and Recreation
 Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
 Is the request for a new program? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 EDA's Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation grants were provided to states for projects that support the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors. The funds will be used for marketing and technical support which are both eligible uses under the federal guidelines.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 N/a

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:
 The dollars would be used to support the travel industry which was dramatically impacted by COVID. Marketing the state is critical to our economy as it supports visitor spending which sustains businesses and activities vital to retaining and attracting workforce.



Provide any other relevant information:

Expenditures would be spent on the following from the operating line item: 1) State marketing targeting outdoor enthusiasts and leisure travelers looking for new locations to enjoy less crowded communities, trails and activities 2) Develop digital information distribution to be one-stop locations for all outdoor experiences and to showcase digitally at state sites.

Each state was awarded an amount based on estimated lost visitors during the pandemic. Commerce - Tourism will receive these funds as a sub grantee of ND Parks and Recreation who is the grant administrator.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Alison Widmer

09/07/2022

Sign Here

Date