



**REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
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Requestor Information

Department name: Commerce  
Department number: 601  
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No  
Purpose of request: Intra-agency line item transfer

From Line Item	To Line Item	Amount
Grants (60160)	Operating (60130)	\$1,550,000

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes  
Provide explanation:  
The EDA Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation grant were provided to states for projects that support travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors. The funding is being used for operating expenditures for marketing and technical support which are eligible uses under the federal guidelines.

During the 68th legislative session this federal appropriation was in error placed in the grants line however it needs to be placed in the operating line. This request was previously brought to the emergency commission request #2070 in September of 2022 and was approved for the federal fund authority of 1,550,000 to be placed in the operating line.

This request is fixing a budgeting error.

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:  
This request conforms with legislative intent.

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 are spent on the following operating line items. 1- state marketing targeting outdoor enthusiasts and leisure travelers looking fore 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 from ND Parks and Recreation who is the grant administrator. All expenditures are to be expended on operating line items.

Signature

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

*Alison Widmer*

*08/28/2023*

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Date