



GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

The Governor's Emergency Fund is a separate line item in the Governor's Office. The Legislature appropriates funds with which the Governor may address a crisis or disaster without calling a special session. If funds are not used in a given fiscal year, they carry forward into the next fiscal year.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Intent Language

The Analyst recommends the following intent language to make the Emergency Fund's FY 2012 unexpended appropriations nonlapsing at the end of FY 2012:

Under section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Governor's Office – Emergency Fund in Item 3 of Chapter 2 Laws of Utah 2011 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2012.

Weber River Flooding Emergency

The Fiscal Analyst recommends the subcommittee forward to the Executive Appropriations Committee for further consideration, the one-time transfer of \$1,500 from the National Guard to the Emergency Fund for FY 2012.

On the 9th and 10th of June 2011, eight National Guard personnel were put on State Active Duty (SAD) orders to assist the helicopter operation in setting sandbags for the Weber River Floods. This was a State Activation of personnel and the National Guard requested funding from the Governor's Office in the amount of \$1,500 to pay for personnel costs. This emergency was also supported and funded through federal funding and final payment for the total cost of the helicopter operation is pending. After receiving federal funding for the operation, the National Guard has set aside \$1,500 to reimburse the emergency fund, thus, restoring it to \$100,000.

Governor's Recommendations

1. Emergency Fund (Helicopter Floods) - \$1,500 one-time General Fund

BUDGET DETAIL

This line item received a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in FY 2006 and these funds have carried forward since then. The \$1,500 expense in FY 2012 from the Emergency Fund is shown in the table below as a current expense. As referenced above, this money is being reimbursed to the Emergency Fund and upon the Legislature's approval, will be reflected as a revenue transfer for the Emergency Fund in FY 2012. No additional appropriation is needed for the Emergency Fund at this time.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Governor's Office - Emergency Fund						
	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2012 Revised	Changes	FY 2013* Recommended
Sources of Finance						
Beginning Nonlapsing	100,000	100,000	(1,500)	98,500	0	98,500
Closing Nonlapsing	(98,500)	(100,000)	1,500	(98,500)	0	(98,500)
Total	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Programs						
Governor's Emergency Fund	1,500	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Categories of Expenditure						
Current Expense	1,500	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Analyst recommends the Legislature:

1. Adopt the FY 2013 recommended budget of \$98,500 as shown in the budget detail table.
2. Approve the intent language shown on page 1.
3. Approve the \$1,500 transfer to the Emergency fund as described on page 1 under the *Weber River Flooding Emergency and Budget Detail* sections.