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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AND STATE PLAN REVIEW

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WHEREAS, all Federal assistance has policy implications involving the commitment of present and future State resources; and

WHEREAS, Federal assistance can often be used to meet State program objectives and replace the need for State dollars; and

WHEREAS, State Plans are required by many Federal agencies as a condition of future program funding; and

WHEREAS, State Agency Plans involve the future commitment of public resources; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the government of the State of Maine, its various agencies, and the Office of the Governor to have available timely and accurate information about Federally assisted projects for the purposes of coordinated planning and budgeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, establish within my office the position of Governor's Grants Coordinator and do hereby designate the Maine State Planning Office as the State Clearinghouse. To accomplish the objective of coordinated planning and budgeting of Federally financed programs and State Plans the following responsiblities are assigned:

The Governor's Grants Coordinator will work with the State Planning Office and the Department of Finance and Administration to provide a comprehensive executive review of selected State agency Federal funding requests and of selected State Plans. The person in this position will also be responsible for assuring that Maine agencies are receiving the full benefit of Federal funds available to them for worthwhile programs.

The State Planning Office will serve as Clearinghouse for Federal assistance and State Plans, monitor Federal assistance and provide a selective program review of applications for Federal assistance and State Plans.

The Department of Finance and Administration will provide a selective fiscal review of Federal assistance applications and State Plans.

All State agencies are required to notify the Governor's Grants Coordinator of applications for Federal assistance, of Federally required State Plans, and of State agency Plans required by statute or administrative policy which affect agency policies, programs or projects pursuant to the attached guidelines. State agencies will also notify the State Clearinghouse of all applications and plans once approval has been obtained from the Governor's Grant Coordinator.

This Executive Order rescinds all previously issued Executive Orders pertaining to the review of Federal assistance programs, but does not alter the responsibilities of non-State reviewing agencies as assigned by State law or Federal regulation. This Executive Order will be effective for all applications or plans submitted or adopted after September, 1977.

James B. LONGLEY