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STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date August 2, 1977

To All Department and Agency Heads
Attn: Grants Administration Personnel
From Governor James B. Longley

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Subject EXECUTIVE ORDER #1 FY 77/78
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AND STATE PLAN REVIEW

The attached Executive Order establishes the position of Governor's Grants Coordinator within this office and it also redefines the review procedure for Federal grants and State plans. Many grant applications and plans are presented for immediate approval and often this is the first time that we are informed of such proposals. This procedure will make us aware, at an early stage, of those applications and plans that require State endorsement. This will allow for one of the following courses of action: Acceptance of the project as proposed; recommendation as to modification or redirection; or, rejection of proposals that are not in the best interests of the State. This would occur before time is spent on the often lengthy and costly application process.

Requests for Federal dollars to establish new programs will be reviewed carefully to avoid the seed money approach. In addition, priorities will be assigned to those programs where people, not bureaucracies, are the beneficiaries. In no case will I sign off on any grant which has not received approval prior to submission.

Also attached to this Executive Order is a copy of the form that will be used by the Governor's Grants Coordinator to obtain the information necessary to make project recommendations.

Committees, councils, commissions and other advisory bodies which customarily review applications and plans should keep the Governor's Grants Coordinator informed of the status of the applications or plans which are before them.

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Attachments

Jim Longley