

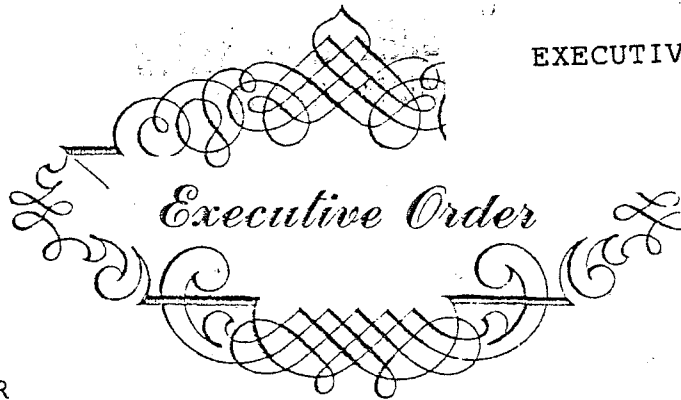
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FEDERAL GRANTS AND STATE PLAN REVIEW

WHEREAS, in the case of a significant number of federal programs State level review, comment, and approval is required before federal assistance can be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office seeks to screen State level requests for federal assistance to ensure their usefulness and consistency with State and gubernatorial policies, plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office is responsible for ensuring that current federal funding requests will not place an undue economic burden upon State resources over the long term by requiring State support for the proposed programs, plans, or projects once the federal financial commitment is terminated; and

WHEREAS, a mechanism is in place for the conduct of federal grant review through the federally mandated process defined in OMB Circular A-95; and

WHEREAS, the State Clearinghouse addresses federal and federally assisted programs and projects initiated at the State, regional and local levels and affords government agencies and officials an opportunity to comment on the consistency of grant applications, federal activities, and State plans with State comprehensive planning and fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to coordinate the activities of the Governor's Office with those of the State Clearinghouse within the State Planning Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine do hereby:

First, establish within my Office the position of Governor's Grants Coordinator;

Second, designate the State Planning Office as the State Clearinghouse for the purpose of federal assistance review, monitoring and information dissemination;

Third, authorize the State Clearinghouse Coordinator and the Governor's Grants Coordinator to establish a formal, interrelated review system between the two offices for State agency initiated federal grant requests.

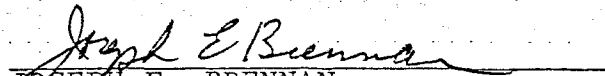
Henceforth, State agencies are no longer required to notify the Governor's Grants Coordinator directly of grant applications, plans, or projects, but are required to submit such draft applications, plans or projects to the State Clearinghouse in accordance with that Office's established review procedures.

State agencies will be required to complete the attached State Clearinghouse Pre-Application Review Questionnaire upon submission of any grant application for A-95 review. Notification to the Governor's Office of intent to apply for federal assistance will be done by the State Clearinghouse Coordinator.

The State Clearinghouse Coordinator will work jointly with the Governor's Grants Coordinator on a regular basis to develop recommendations for departmental plan or application approval, disapproval, amendment or withdrawal.

The Department of Finance and Administration will continue to provide a selective fiscal review of State agency federal assistance applications and State plans.

This Executive Order rescinds all previously issued Executive Orders relating to the review of federal program assistance and will become effective for all State applications or plans submitted or adopted after February 1, 1980


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor