



Idaho State Senate

SENATOR GRANT BURGOYNE

June 1, 2017

Joint Legislative Millennium Fund Committee
Attn: Co-chair Senator Patti Anne Lodge
Attn: Co-chair Representative Fred Wood

Dear Co-Chairs Lodge and Wood,

With respect to our upcoming Joint Legislative Millennium Fund Committee (“Committee”) meeting, we have given serious consideration to the present issues and have formulated the following proposal for the Committee’s consideration.

1. We favor the process set out in Idaho Code Section 67-1808, reiterate our commitment to that process, and favor giving that process somewhat greater definition as follows.
2. We do not believe that the Committee should recommend any grant of any Millennium Fund money without first receiving and considering an application from the relevant person, agency or organization.
3. No grant recommendation would be for more than a single fiscal year.
4. An applicant must have the necessary policy and spending authority in hand when applying for a Millennium Fund grant, or any grant recommendation would be conditioned on it receiving such authority by a deadline set by the Committee. The Committee will make alternative grant recommendations (not exceeding the amount of the conditional grant recommendation) along with any conditional grant recommendation. The alternative grant recommendations would become the actual Committee grant recommendations if the applicant does not receive the necessary policy and spending authority by the deadline.
5. On the recommendation of three Committee members, the Committee will publicly announce its desire to receive applications for specific program grants the following year.

Placing this proposal in the context of addressing “Gap Population” issues, whether through Medicaid expansion, or a primary care or other program, an application would have to be submitted annually and any grant recommendation (whether or not conditional) would be for a single fiscal year. In subsequent years, the applicant would be able to apply for additional single fiscal year grants. If the applicant does not have policy or spending authority in hand when applying, any grant recommendation would be conditioned on the applicant receiving such authority by the Committee’s deadline, and the Committee would make alternative grant recommendations. The alternative grant recommendations would take effect if the applicant does not receive its necessary authority by the deadline.

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments you might have regarding our proposal.

Very truly yours,

Representative Phylis King
Representative Melissa Wintrow
Senator Janie Ward-Engelking
Senator Grant Burgoyne

cc: Joint Legislative Millennium Fund Committee members