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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard
Executive Director

DATE: 15 June 2022

SUBJECT: Post-Award and Implementation Process for State Grants—Panel

Responding to a request from Chairman Yager, the Commission at its June 2021 meeting directed staff to review the post-award and implementation processes for state grants to local governments and identify any changes warranted to streamline these processes so that grants may be more effectively utilized. Issues raised by commission members at that meeting and by local officials in interviews with staff are not limited to single grant programs or state agencies. Moreover, clarifying the source of grant requirements—state or federal—was among the requests made by commission members at the June meeting and will be incorporated into ongoing research for the study by staff. At our last meeting, panelists representing local governments and a development district discussed issues in the post-award phase that affect grantees' ability to utilize state grants and examples of programs and processes that grantees consider to be best practices.

For today's panel, representatives of several state agencies have been invited to discuss issues of concern for grants management, including compliance with state and federal requirements, and their perspective on best practices. Additionally, a representative for Strategic Technology Solutions within the Department of Finance and Administration has been invited to discuss a new grants management system the state has procured and is in the early stages of making available to some agencies.

You will hear from five panelists:

- Brooxie Carlton, Assistant Commissioner of Community and Rural Development, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- Bryan Chriske, Legislative Procurement Compliance Manager, Office of Management Services, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
- Kimery Grant, Transportation Manager, Local Programs Development Office, Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Anne B. Marshall, Director, Recreation Resources Division, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- Clyde Phillips, Enterprise Resource Planning Project Director, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

Staff plan to present a draft report for review and comment at the Commission's next meeting.