

Chair Proposal

MEMO: Agenda Item #10A
To: LSOHC members
From: David Hartwell (Chair) and Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Date: December 9, 2021
Re: Chair Proposal for Allocation of Additional OHF Funds

Background – This week’s release of MMB’s November 2021 Forecast indicates that the Council is faced with the opportunity to increase its previously agreed upon appropriation recommendation of \$138,687,000 (adopted by the Council at the October 7, 2021 meeting).

The Council’s appropriation recommendation included a 6% reserve. Using the same 6% reserve percentage, the additional funds available after the forecast totals \$16,697,000.

Chairs’ Proposal - Collaboratively, Chair Hartwell and Vice Chair Schara recommend the Council consider adopting the following steps for increasing allocations:

- No additional funding to CPL as that program is already recommended at full funding
- No additional funding for administrative items; Grants Management, Technical Evaluations, and DNR IDP Program Coordinator.
- For the 42 remaining projects, increase funding proportionally which will mean approximately a 12.4% increase for every project.
 - *(The attached Spreadsheet shows the proportional increase for each project)*
- Additionally, the Chairs recommend that in the event of an additional available amount, or shortage, in the February 2022 Forecast, that this same proportional procedure be used to increase or reduce the allocations and that this recommendation be passed on to the legislature.

Attachment: Spreadsheet of allocation recommendations with proportional funding to projects.