



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Agenda

Thursday, January 28, 2021

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- 12:00 p.m. A. Call to Order and Committee Organization
- Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk
- 12:10 p.m. B. Adoption of Committee/Office Policies [**Adopted**]
- 12:15 p.m. C. Approval January 5, 2021 Minutes [**Approved**]
- 12:20 p.m. D. Grants
1. Brief Discussion of grants and grant process – *Stephen A. Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office*
 2. **JFO #3029** - \$250,000 to the VT. Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. One (1) limited service position, Agriculture Water Quality Program Coordinator III, and \$100,000 for a software upgrade and associated costs. *[NOTE: The grant application reflects State in-kind matching dollars for a total budget of \$500,000.]* [**Approved**]
Laura Dipietro, Director of Water Quality, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
 3. **JFO #3030** - \$450,000 to the VT Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living from the Kessler Foundation. Funds will be used to support the expansion or re-designation of current positions in the Department and to create three (3) limited service positions to assist Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries to transition to self-sustaining employment. The request includes one (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits Counselor and two (2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor II to complete the work. *[NOTE: Kessler grant funds will support 70% of the VR Benefit Counselor position and 21% of the VR Counselor II positions. The remaining balance will be covered by VR federal funds.]* [**Approved**]
James Smith, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
- 12:25 p.m.
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- 12:35 p.m. 4. **JFO #3031** - \$450,000 to the Department of Public Safety from the Office of Justice Programs for the services and support for victims in the immediate aftermath and during the investigation of a crime. The grant will fully fund one (1) limited-service position, Victim Services Specialist, to provide these services through 9/30/2023 and will also cover \$15,417 in indirect departmental costs. **[Approved]**
Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- 12:40 p.m. 5. **JFO #3033** - One (1) limited service position, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, to the VT. Dept of Public Safety to support information sharing and analysis to prevent and prepare for hazards and threats. Funds from the US Dept. of Homeland Security from previously awarded JFO Grant #2212. **[Approved]**
Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, and Shawn Loan, Department of Public Safety
- 12:45 p.m. 6. **JFO #3032** - \$206,394 to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation from the United States Climate Alliance, United Nations Fund, for one (1) limited service position, Environmental Analyst VII, to serve in a leadership role in advancing Vermont's climate mitigation priorities. Position to be funded through 9/30/22. **[Approved]**
- 12:50 p.m. Timing of next meeting and adjourn

Final: 1/28/2021 at 1:06 p.m.