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MEMORANDUM:

TO:Department Heads, CFOs, Agency Federal Funding Points of ContactFROM:Kristin Walker

SUBJECT: OSBM State Technical Assistance and Match Program (STAMP) - Technical Assistance Application Guidelines

As described in the <u>OSBM memorandum sent October 16th</u>, OSBM launched the State Technical Assistance and Match Program (STAMP) to help state agencies apply for and win Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Chips and Science Act (CHIPS), and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding.

OSBM will now accept applications for the following types of STAMP Technical Assistance (STAMP-TA):

(1) In-house Support (i.e., funds for your agency to hire time-limited positions or third-party contractors to support applying for a grant), or

(2) OSBM-provided Support (i.e., direct support from a consulting team hired to provide technical assistance statewide).

I encourage you and your team to review our <u>STAMP Technical Assistance Application Guidelines</u>, providing details on the program's purpose, eligibility, and application submission and awards processes. A total of \$5 million is available for technical assistance.

Guidance on applying for matching funds is expected to be released in early 2024.

OSBM will host virtual "office-hours" to answer questions regarding STAMP-TA from 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on both Thursday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 12th. Find links to these sessions below and posted on OSBM's website:

- Office Hours Thursday, December 7th, 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Office Hours Tuesday, December 12th, 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to those who submitted surveys earlier this month describing your interest in technical assistance and state matching resources made available by the program. OSBM received 42 responses to the survey and over \$44 million in requests. The information you provided added great value to our planning efforts.

Please direct questions or comments about STAMP to: FederalFundsNC@osbm.nc.gov.

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