

June 3, 2026

The Honorable Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore  
The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Stephen Harding, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader  
The Honorable Vincent Candelora, House Minority Leader

**Re: Use of Federal Cuts Response Fund**

Dear Legislative Leaders,

As you are aware, Special Act 26-1 transferred \$330,811,954 million from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Federal Cuts Response Fund. An additional, \$50,000,000, was then transferred via Section 259 of Public Act 26-68, increasing the total amount transferred to the Federal Cuts Response Fund to \$380,811,954.

Section 3(a) of Special Act 26-1, as amended by section 490 of Public Act 26-68, appropriates such amount from the Federal Cuts Response Fund to the Office of Policy and Management “for the purposes of responding to the policy impacts of P.L. 119-21 and mitigating any action or inaction by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for any program in this state.” Pursuant to section 3(b), as Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, I am authorized to transfer any amount of such appropriation to another agency or fund to give effect to the intent of the appropriation. Prior to transferring or expending said funds, section 4 requires me to provide notice of such transfers or expenditures to you.

In accordance with section 4 of Special Act 26-1, I hereby provide notice that I intend to transfer and expend funds appropriated under section 3(a) of said Act as described below. Specifically, I intend to transfer funds in the amount listed below from the Federal Cuts Response Fund to the General Fund for the following expenditure:

- Funding in the amount of \$8,500,000 for the one-time provision of \$300 grocery cards to be distributed by the community action agencies to the estimated 25,000 individuals losing SNAP eligibility due to the changes in work requirements under P.L. 119-21. This funding includes \$1,000,000 to support the administrative costs to run the program, including start-up costs.

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Detailed below is a summary of the transfer that I intend to make.

T1	GENERAL FUND	2026-2027
T2		
T3	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T4	Nutrition Assistance	8,500,000
T5		
T6	TOTAL – GENERAL FUND	8,500,000

With this transfer, \$268,268,954 remains available from the appropriations made pursuant to section 3 of Special Act 26-1, as amended by section 490 of Public Act 26-68. Additional funding needs may be identified, which may require further transfers or expenditures of the remaining funds. I will inform you of such additional transfers or expenditures as required by section 4 of said Act in one or more subsequent notifications.

Respectfully,



Joshua Wojcik  
Secretary

- Cc: Governor Lamont, OTG  
Natalie Wagner, OTG  
Courtney Cullinan, Senate Democrats  
Franklin Perry, House Democrats  
Sen. Catherine Osten, Appropriations Committee  
Rep. Toni Walker, Appropriations Committee  
Neil Ayers, Director, Office of Fiscal Analysis

