

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-17**

### **Establishing a State intergovernmental Review Process for Federal Programs**

President Reagan, by Executive Order 12372 (amended by No. 12416) has Implemented 31 USC § 6506 (which superseded 42 USC 6 4231). governing the formulation, evaluation and review of Federal programs and projects having a significant Impact on area and community development. The Executive Order also implements 42 USC § 3334, respecting the coordination of Federal aid for local government regarding open space, hospitals, airports, libraries, water supply and distribution systems, sewerage facilities, highways, transportation, law enforcement facilities, water development, and land conservation.

The President's Executive Order is designed to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal. development. Federal agencies are directed, to the extent permitted by law, to utilize state processes iii order to determine the official views of state and local elected officials and to make efforts to accommodate those concerns.

In response to the President's Executive Order, Washington State and local officials have worked to develop a process for the orderly and timely notification, review, and coordination of those federally funded programs at the state and local government levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct that:**

1. The Washington State Intergovernmental Review Process is hereby established.
2. The Planning and Community Affairs Agency shall have the authority, in consultation with state and local officials, to establish the official policies, procedures, and operating rules required to implement the Intergovernmental Review Process.
3. The Planning and Community Affairs Agency shall serve as the clearinghouse and single point of contact for federally assisted programs of the state, Federal projects, and those state-funded programs which may be included in the Intergovernmental Review Process.
4. In order to facilitate early and timely notification of project funding applications, the Planning and Community Affairs Agency shall maintain and distribute a log of project applications to state agencies and district clearinghouses on a regular basis.
5. The authority to serve as clearinghouse and single point of contact for applications generated by a private agency, a non-profit agency, or a local public agency located within their specific jurisdictions shall be delegated to the existing network of district clearinghouses.

6. For the purpose of defining district clearinghouses, the following principles are currently in effect by virtue of EO 75-05 and shall continue:

The minimum acceptable-boundaries for a district clearinghouse will be the geographic boundaries of a county. The county, together with the cities and towns within the county (or two or more counties and the cities and towns therein) should define the district clearinghouse procedures through which they will cooperate and coordinate their activities. Local governments are encouraged to select and support the form of multi-jurisdictional district clearinghouse best suited to their needs.

7. Attached hereto is a list of district clearinghouses designated by this Executive Order in order to facilitate the dissemination of information at all levels of government and to provide for the review procedures of the Intergovernmental Review Process.

8. In order to strengthen the process of intergovernmental coordination, those priority state-funded programs designated by the Governor may also be included in the Intergovernmental Review Process.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 7th day of November A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

John Spellman  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Secretary of State

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