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Dear Members of the Legislative Oversight Committee:

Enclosed is the quarterly fiscal report for the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS). The report is submitted by the METS Executive Steering Committee (ESC) as required under Minnesota Statutes section 62V.055, subdivision 3.

As background and context on the quarterly presentation of the information:

- The first page provides an explanation of the tables in the report.
- Table 1 (page 2) "Overall Budget View" provides a four year budget overview of past, current and future years.
- Table 2 (page) "FY2022 vs. YTD (year to date)" provides expenditures in the current year through the quarter ending with the current report.

All current year spending is shown on a cash basis, meaning expenditures are shown in the quarter in which payment was made. Since many expenditures are contract or invoice payments, payments often lag behind when the expenditure is incurred or the work is performed.

The current report includes actual expenditures through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022, ending June 30, 2022. Of particular note:

1. In Tables 1 & 2, the development budget was reduced by approximately \$500K from third quarter to recognize an as-needed update to the current Advanced Planning Document that received federal approval in June. DHS submitted an as-needed update to adjust the scope of work and budget within the current year.
2. Comparing the development budget to projected actuals Table 2, an underspend is expected through the end of the year. Though a portion of the underspend will be shifted forward to complete work in a future fiscal year, the majority is a result of overbudgeting and will remain unspent.
3. Further down on Table 2, the operations budget is projected to be 91% spent in 2022. About \$1.1M of the remaining balance will shift forward into FY23 to complete enhancement work efforts. Following that shift, we will balance out the individual categories, applying available funding in some areas to cover pressure in other areas.
4. A Federal Public Health Emergency remains in place in response to COVID-19. METS enhancement work may be slowed or stopped in order to prioritize system modifications needed as a result of COVID-related policy changes.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

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