



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

May 28, 2020

Lori Shibinette
Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, and 2020-09, I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to CARES Act emergency relief funds:

1. Accept and expend funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), entitled Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relife, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,096,121, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, through June 30, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



Lori Shiblnette
Commissioner

Lisa M. Morris
Director

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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May 27, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04
AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, AND 2020-09**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), entitled Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,096,121 effective upon approval through September 30, 2021, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-090-901010-22190000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE, SMALL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT

SFY 2020

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-404535	Federal Funds	\$ 164,892	\$ 1,096,121	\$ 1,261,013
	General Funds	\$ -		\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ 164,892	\$ 1,096,121	\$ 1,261,013
Expense				
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$ 1,642	\$ -	\$ 1,642
038-509038	Technology-Software	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ 362
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 130	\$ 1,096	\$ 1,226
050-500109	Other Personal Services	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ 23
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 161,435	\$ 1,095,025	\$ 1,256,460
Total Expense:		\$ 164,892	\$ 1,096,121	\$ 1,261,013

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept the additional grant funds available for SFY 2020 to administer the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These special SHIP funds are to be used to support small rural hospitals

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facing a dramatic change in revenue and increased expenses to prepare for and deal with the coronavirus. These funds are to be allocated to the small rural hospitals for any expenses to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus and will help ensure that essential hospital services can be maintained through this pandemic. Hospitals across the United States are seeing their revenues plummet, as they delay or cancel appointments, procedures, and scheduled surgeries so that they can focus on preparing for a surge of patients with coronavirus. The notice of additional funds awarded was received April 17, 2020.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

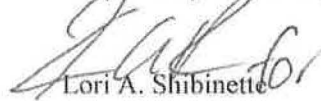
Class 041 The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside.
Class 102 The funds will be used to pay for a contract out to the small rural hospitals.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner