



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

May 7, 2020

Gerald Little
Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Little,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05 and 2020-08; and Emergency Orders #21 and #22. I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Amend the my April 29, 2020 approval to transfer \$46,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by allocating \$600,000 of the \$46,000,000 in accordance with Emergency Order #21 regarding the Establishment of the COVID-19 Emergency Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Relief Fund and allocating \$2,127,000 of the \$46,000,000 in accordance with Emergency Order #22 regarding authorization of emergency funding for child protection services with the balance to be used by DHHS to support the Department's COVID-19 response efforts effective through June 30, 2020. 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
CC Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services



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

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

Dear Governor Sununu:

Authorize the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to amend the Governor's April 29, 2020 approval to transfer \$46,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by allocating \$600,000 of the \$46,000,000 in accordance with Emergency Order #21 regarding the Establishment of the COVID-19 Emergency Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Relief Fund and allocating \$2,127,000 of the \$46,000,000 in accordance with Emergency Order #22 regarding authorization of emergency funding for child protection services with the balance to be used by DHHS to support the Department's COVID-19 response efforts effective upon your approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

Emergency Order #21 was issued on April 1, 2020. In order to ensure that organizations in the State of New Hampshire that serve victims of domestic and sexual violence have the ability, as needed, to continue providing critical, life-saving services, and to promote and secure the safety and protection of the people of New Hampshire, the COVID-19 Emergency Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Relief Fund was established. The fund was authorized to disburse up to \$600,000. Pursuant to Emergency Order #21, relief from the fund may be provided in the form of grants on such terms as approved by the Governor and the Attorney General. Organizations that service as domestic and sexual violence crisis centers shall be eligible to apply for relief funding for the following areas: unrestricted funding for assisting directly with victims' needs; emergency shelter funding for hotel stays for victims; and expenses for crisis center operations.

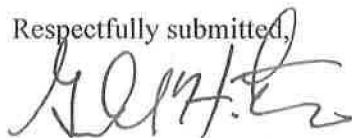
The Department of Justice issued a Subgrant Application entitled "COVID-19 Emergency Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Relief Fund" on April 10, 2020. The thirteen member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence ("the Coalition") submitted a joint application for \$600,000 from the Coronavirus Emergency Grant. No other applications were received. The Attorney General recommended approval of the Coalition's application which was approved by the Governor.

Emergency Order #22 was issued on April 1, 2020 addressing authorization of emergency funding for child protection services. Specifically, it was ordered that effective April 1, 2020 that:

1. DHHS is authorized to expend funds necessary to convert each part time Family Violence Prevention Specialist in the Division of Children Youth and Families field office to temporary full time status for a period of up to one year;
2. DHHS is authorized to expend up to \$1,500,000 to expand the Strength to Succeed Program to include children up to the age of 10 for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04;
3. DHHS is authorized to expend up to \$27,000 to provide technology and internet support for DCYF clients to facilitate remote visitations for the duration of the State of Emergency as declared in Executive Order 2020-04; and
4. DHHS is authorized to expend up to \$100,000 to expand the Family Resiliency Support Line for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04 to the extent necessary to provide clinically trained staff help to families to address interpersonal challenges and to make additional referrals as needed during the State of Emergency.

On April 29, 2020, the Governor approved a transfer of \$46,000,000 in CARES Act Funding to DHHS and also approved DHHS to accept and expend \$46,000,000 from GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. This appropriation is to be used by DHHS to backfill, as appropriate and allowed by the grant, general funds used since mid-March. The emergency funding allocations referenced in Emergency Order #21 and Emergency Order #22 were included in DHHS's budget for the \$46,000,000. The remaining balance after the allocations for these two Emergency Orders will be used to support DHHS's COVID-19 response efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald H. Little
Director, GOFERR