

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 13, 2020

Robert Quinn Commissioner New Hampshire Department of Safety 33 Hazen Dr. Concord, N.H. 03305

Dear Commissioner Quinn,

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, I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds:

1. Accept and expend a Public Assistance grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from FEMA, in support of the COVID-19 response, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, through June 30, 2021. (100% Federal).

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

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



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## Requested Action Under RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04

The Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, requests authorization to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR4516 COVID-19, from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2020 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-12320000

Dept. of Safety

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Declared Disasters Public Assistance

		SFY2020 Current		SFY2020 Revised
Class	Description	Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Adjusted Authorized
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$15,641,350.02)	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$17,641,350.02)
018-500106	Overtime	\$552,500.00	\$0.00	\$552,500.00
020-500200	Current Expense	\$285,699.30	\$600,000.00	\$885,699.30
030-500311	Equipment	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$54,153.72	\$0.00	\$54,153.72
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$33,143.00	\$0.00	\$33,143.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$250,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$480,000.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$276,250.00	\$107,000.00	\$383,250.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$20,292.00	\$3,000.00	\$23,292.00
047-500240	Own Forces Maint (Bldg-Grnds)	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$135,500.00	\$0.00	\$135,500.00
059-500117	Temp Full-Time	\$268,259.00	\$0.00	\$268,259.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$470,051.00	\$0.00	\$470,051.00
066-500543	Employee Training	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$11,725,002.00	\$0.00	\$11,725,002.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
085-588599	Interagency Transfers Fed Funds	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
103-502664	Contracts for Op Services	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	Total	\$15,641,350.02	\$2,000,000.00	\$17,641,350.02

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## Explanation

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private nonprofit organizations to assist in responding to and recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had eight declared disasters since June 1, 2017, impacting the entire State.

This request to accept \$2,000,000.00 represents the estimated increase in the federal share of the Public Assistance for the State's Emergency Protective Measures conducted for DR4516 COVID-19 response. These actions are taken to save lives and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes, but is not limited to, activating and staffing the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support New Hampshire's response efforts, the purchasing of life-saving and life-sustaining commodities to include personal protective equipment and providing them to impacted communities, and activating and staffing numerous call-centers to help keep the public informed and provide up to date information about COVID-19.

The funding mechanism is 75% Federal and 25% State/Local share. The 25% required match for State Agency projects will be paid from existing budgeted appropriations or an additional request for these funds will be made through the State Legislature. The local share is the responsibility of the local applicant. Indirect costs are budgeted based only on the Recipient Administration portion of the funds, as all other funds are considered pass-through funds and are not subject to indirect costs.

The funds will be budgeted as follows:

Class 020 - Current Expense: to be used for costs incurred in order to open and operate the State Emergency Operation Center including cleaning supplies, disinfectants, personal protective equipment, and food for employees working in the SEOC.

Class 030 - Equipment: to be used to purchase equipment needed to support COVID-19 response.

Class 039 - Telecommunications: to be used for costs incurred to manage COVID-19 response, including conference calls

Class 040 - Indirect Cost: represents the indirect cost associated amount for this request.

Class 041 - Audit Funds Set Aside: represents the audit fund set aside associated amount for this request.

Class 085 - Interagency Transfers Federal Funds: to provide reimbursement to State Agencies for costs incurred supporting COVID-19 response

Class 103 - Contracts for Operational Services; to be used for costs incurred to support the State's COVID-19 response.

There are no General funds required with this request. In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn

Commissioner of Safety