

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

May 14, 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; 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 CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Execute the payments required to administer the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Program, in an amount not exceed \$24,000,000, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, retroactive from May 4, 2020 through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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 CC Robert Quinn, Commissioner, Department of Safety STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *for for for* 

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, NH 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 AND 2020-08

Dear Governor Sununu:

The Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to execute the payments required to administer the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Program from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding in an amount of \$24,000,000, effective upon your approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in 01-02-002-020210 - Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 - Office of the Director, as follows:

	<u>FY 2020</u>
072-500575 - Grants Federal	\$20,000,000
085-588546 - Inter-Agency Transfer	
Of Federal Funds	\$4,000,000
	\$24,000,000

## **EXPLANATION**

Effective May 4, 2020, and valid through June 30, 2020, certain active First Responders in the State of New Hampshire may be eligible for a weekly stipend from their employers. The Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DOS-HSEM) has an online worksheet and application process for first responder hiring authorities. A list (or lists) of stipend - eligible individuals will be provided to DOS-HSEM by each hiring authority. DOS-HSEM will validate the information and provide the total lump sum for each hiring authority to GOFERR to ensure that there is an accurate, smooth, and successful transition of eligible applicant worksheet entries into NH First payments to the hiring authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H. Little Director, GOFERR

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