



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 26, 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, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-14 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Transfer \$500,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARE) Act funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in order for DHHS to administer the NH Frontline Protective Worker Stipend Program, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$500,000 from GOFERR to administer the NH frontline Protective Worker Stipend Program, effective through December 30, 2020 (100% Other 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



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

June 22, 2020

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, 2020-08, 2020-09 AND
2020-10**

Dear Governor Sununu:

1. Authorize the Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to transfer \$500,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in order for DHHS to administer the NH Frontline Protective Worker Stipend program effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding will be transferred from the following accounting unit:

| 01-02-02-020110-19110000 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>TRANSFER REQUEST</u> |
| 085 -INTERAGCY XFR OUT OF FED FND | 588595 | \$500,000 |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$500,000 |
| <u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u> | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 400338 | \$500,000 |
| | TOTAL FUNDS | \$500,000 |

2. Contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$500,000 from the GOFERR to administer the NH Frontline Protective Worker Stipend program effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

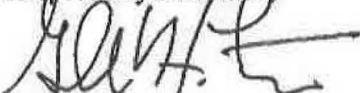
| 05-95-95-950010-19290000 DHHS COVID RELIEF FD FR GOFER | | |
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| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>BUDGET REQUEST</u> |
| 010 – Personal Services-Perm. Classified | 500100 | \$500,000 |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$500,000 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS | | |
| 00D – Transfer of Federal Funds | 488502 | \$500,000 |
| | TOTAL FUNDS | \$500,000 |

EXPLANATION

The Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery requests authority to allocate and expend \$500,000 in emergency funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to support the NH Frontline Protective Worker Stipend program to fund temporary stipends for frontline child protective services workers, juvenile justice probation officers, and adult protective social workers at the Department of Health and Human Services. The program will provide temporary stabilization funding to provide stipends for these workers for weeks where they conduct front line protective services work that is not able to be conducted remotely through June 30, 2020. Staff working between 7.5 and 30 hours in the field are eligible for the part time stipend of \$150; staff working over 30 hours in the field are eligible for the full time stipend of \$300; and staff working less than 7.5 hours in the field are not eligible for a stipend. This program will help ensure that these critical providers are compensated for the increased risks of COVID-19 exposure they encounter in the field as they work to protect children from immediate threats of danger and risk of future harm during the COVID-19 Emergency.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald H. Little
Director, GOFERR