



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

July 1, 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 the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Transfer \$20,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support the COVID-19 response efforts related to childcare programs, 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 (DHHS) to accept and expend \$20,000,000 from the GOFERR to support the New Hampshire Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP) and Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP), budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020 (100% Other Funds).
3. Authorize New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept and expend \$80,000 from DHHS to support the New Hampshire Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP) and Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP), budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, 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,

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services  
CC Lori Shihinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services  
CC George Copadis, Commissioner, Department of Employment Security



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

### EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

June 26, 2020

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 ORDER 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, AND 2020-10**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$20,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts related to childcare effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds

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

	<u>FY 2020</u>
085-588595 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds	\$20,000,000

2. Contingent on approval of Requested Action #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$20,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the New Hampshire Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP) and Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP), effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY2020 as follows:

05-95-042-421110-19400000 – Child Care – GOFERR Funds			
Class	Current FY20 Budget	Requested Action	Revised FY20 Budget
<b>Funding</b>			
00D-488502 - Xfer of Fed Funds to Other State Agency	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000</b>
<b>Expenditure Appropriations</b>			
085-588527 – Interagency Xfer Out of Fed Funds	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
102-500731 – Contracts for Program Services	\$ -	\$ 19,920,000	\$ 19,920,000
<b>Total Expenditure Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000</b>

3. Contingent on approval of Requested Actions #1 and #2, authorize New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept and expend \$80,000 from DHHS in support of the New Hampshire Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP) and Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP), effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY2020 as follows:

<b>01-27-027-270010-80400000 – Department of Employment Security</b>			
<b>Class</b>	<b>Current FY20 Budget</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>	<b>Revised FY20 Budget</b>
<b>Funding</b>			
00D-488542 - Xfer of Fed Funds to Other State Agency	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>\$ 34,878,456</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,958,456</b>
<b>Expenditure Appropriations</b>			
102-500731 – Contracts for Program Services	\$ 262,296	\$ 80,000	\$ 342,296
<b>Total Expenditure Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 34,878,456</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,958,456</b>

### **EXPLANATION**

The CCRSP, authorized by Governor Christopher T. Sununu, allows for the allocation and expenditure of an initial \$20 million in funding from CARES Act funds to provide financial support to NH childcare programs due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19, with an additional \$5 million in reserve. The requested actions above are in reference to the initial \$20 million allocated.

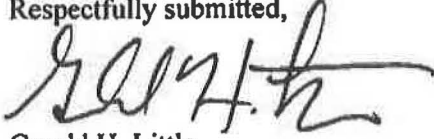
The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will use the \$20 million in funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide financial support to NH childcare programs due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19. The Department(s) of Health and Human Services and Education have developed a three part plan to support urgent child care needs now, while simultaneously looking to the future as part of a holistic early care and education system: Phase One – Emergency Response, Phase Two – Stabilization and Recovery, and Phase Three - Build It Back – Better (BBB). Part of the funds will be used to backfill state unbudgeted expenditures made for Phase One-Emergency Response upon provision of documentation to GOFERR of allowable costs. Funds for Phase two will be distributed to eligible childcare providers that submitted a pre-qualification to the ECCP and an application NH Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program demonstrating allowable expenses or lost revenue in Phase Two upon execution of a beneficiary grant agreement.

Funds will be used to support the first two phases of the plan. NH is now entering the stabilization and recovery phase, as businesses reopen and the economy restarts. We expect this phase will have a direct impact on the childcare industry through the end of 2020. During this phase, the funding provided will: 1) target operational, workforce and health and safety supports to the childcare system to cope with demand related to COVID-19; and 2) coordinate business needs with family needs, which includes summer day camp programs, childcare and Head Start options for the summer and into the fall, and increased need for family support related to COVID-19. NH has structures in place that childcare providers understand and are already connected to. DHHS, through the Emergency Child Care Collaborative and the Council for Thriving Children, will rapidly distribute, manage and ensure accountability for funds.

The New Hampshire economy can't fully re-open without expanding access and affordability of childcare. Working with NHES to determine (where is the greatest demand) and child care providers (where is the greatest supply – or ability to expand supply) we will better understand the issue of supply and demand, and be able to coordinate regionally to meet the needs of both families and business.

All the allowable costs that are the basis for the CARES Act awards must be incurred by the recipients before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerald H. Little', written over a horizontal line.

Gerald H. Little  
Director, GOFERR