



State of New Hampshire
Governor's Office
FOR
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY
(GOFERR)
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020
2:00 p.m.

in
One Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301

Stakeholder Advisory Board Members:

Bill	Ardinger
Dean J.	Christon
Lisa	Drabik
Jim	Jalbert
Amy	LaBelle
Al	Letizio Jr.
Donnalee	Lozeau
Scott	Mason
Michelle	McEwen
Nancy	Merrill
Jeffrey	Myers
Hollie	Noveletsky
Kathleen	Reardon
Benjamin	Wilcox

AGENDA

- Roll Call and meeting information
- GOFERR Presentation
- Website overview
- Overview of announced programs
- Applications processed and Spending amounts to date
- Programs in the works
- Treasury Guidance update
- Discussions Regarding Further Recommendations for GOFERR Are there gaps?
 - Should we hear from other stakeholders? If so, who?

- Other Business
- Next meeting - TBD

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 * * * * *

3 JOE DOIRON: Again, this meeting is being
4 recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, you may
5 disconnect at any time.

6 If you would like to speak, you can virtually
7 raise your hand by pressing 5* on your dial pad. You will
8 then be called upon in the order that your hand was raised.
9 Again, that's 5* on your dial pad.

10 Please take a moment to enter your speaker code,
11 if you've not already done so. Also, please remember to
12 mute your phone until speaking.

13 Good afternoon and welcome to a duly noticed
14 meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Board to the Governor's
15 Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery.

16 The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and
17 Recovery was created when Governor Sununu issued Executive
18 Order 2020-06. That order is publicly available on the
19 Governor's website.

20 Today's meeting is an official meeting of the
21 Board. It's open to the public, and will be run in a
22 manner compliant with RSA 91-A.

1 We have someone on the phone taking minutes,
2 which will be posted to the GOFERR webpage. Meeting
3 materials for the Board and the public can be found by
4 visiting the GOFERR webpage at www.GOFERR.nh.gov. Again,
5 that's GOFERR.nh.gov.

6 And again, this meeting today is being recorded.
7 I will help facilitate today's meeting.

8 Because the Board is meeting by phone, under RSA
9 91-A there are a few initial logistics that we need to do
10 before I turn it over to our Chair, Donnalee Lozeau.
11 First, each of us must state our names, where we are
12 located, and who is with us.

13 As we move through our agenda today, each Board
14 member and anyone else speaking is asked to identify
15 themselves before speaking. Should you choose to take any
16 votes today, they must be done by roll call. We will now
17 begin with the attendance roll call, now beginning with
18 myself and the folks here in the office with me.

19 I am Joe Doiron, Deputy Director of the GOFERR,
20 in the GOFERR office, 1 Eagle Square, in Concord. I am
21 appropriately socially distanced at a large conference room
22 table with:

1 RHONDA HENSLEY: Rhonda Hensley.

2 NANCY SMITH: Nancy Smith.

3 SHAWN THOMAS: Shawn Thomas.

4 JOHN FRASIER: John Frasier.

5 FRANK FREDERICK (phonetic): Frank Frederick.

6 LISA ENGLISH: Lisa English.

7 JOE DOIRON: Thank you. Now we'll proceed with
8 Board member roll call, alphabetically. Bill Ardinger?

9 BILL ARDINGER: Yes, this is Bill Ardinger. I'm
10 here in Cuttyhunk, and I've got family around, but I'm by
11 myself right now.

12 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Bill. Dean Christon?

13 DEAN CHRISTON: Good afternoon, this is Dean
14 Christon. I am at my office in Bedford and I am alone in
15 the room.

16 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Dean. Lisa Drabik?

17 LISA DRABIK: Good afternoon, everyone, this is
18 Lisa Drabik. I'm alone in my office at Londonderry Town
19 Hall.

20 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Lisa. Jim Jalbert? Just
21 checking. Jim has e-mailed Donnalee and I that he might be
22 a little late to this afternoon's meeting.

1 Amy LaBelle?

2 AMY LABELLE: Hi, can you hear me?

3 JOE DOIRON: We can.

4 AMY LABELLE: Amy Labelle, and I'm at (00:03:29
5 indiscernible proper name) and I am alone.

6 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Amy.

7 Al Letizio Jr.?

8 AL LETIZIO JR: Hi, Joe, hi everyone. This is Al
9 Letizio Jr., I am speaking to you from my car in Washington
10 D.C., and my wife, Patti, is with me and she's the one
11 hitting the mute button and unmute button safely as needed.

12 JOE DOIRON: Okay. Thank you, Al. Donnalee
13 Lozeau?

14 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Hi Joe, this is Donnalee
15 Lozeau. I'm alone, and I'm at home today.

16 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Donnalee. Scott Mason?

17 SCOTT MASON: This is Scott Mason. I'm in North
18 Stratford, at the farm office.

19 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Scott. Michelle McEwen?

20 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Good afternoon, this is
21 Michelle McEwen. I am alone in my office in Plymouth, New
22 Hampshire.

1 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Michelle. Nancy Merrill?

2 [Pause]

3 Just wanted to do one more check. Nancy, were
4 you able to join us this afternoon? We will check back.

5 Jeffrey Myers? And Mr. Myers mentioned that he
6 might have to join a little later on, so we will check
7 back.

8 Hollie Noveletsky?

9 HOLLIE NOVELETSKY: This is Hollie Noveletsky,
10 good afternoon. I am in my office in Greenland, New
11 Hampshire and I'm alone.

12 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Hollie. Kathleen
13 Reardon?

14 KATHLEEN REARDON: Hi, this is Kathleen Reardon.
15 I'm in my home in New Boston, alone.

16 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Kathleen. Benjamin
17 Wilcox?

18 BENJAMIN WILCOX: Hi, this is Ben Wilcox. I'm in
19 my office in North Conway, and I am alone.

20 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Ben. And I just wanted
21 to circle back, in case any other Board members joined us.

22 Jim Jalbert? Nancy Merrill? And Jeffrey Myers?

1 And if you could hit 5*, that would help us
2 identify yourself in case of you had some technical
3 difficulties logging in.

4 Donnalee, with the roll call completed, we are
5 ready to continue, and we have a quorum.

6 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Great, thanks so much, Joe.
7 Nice to hear everybody again. much appreciated. Hopefully
8 you've had a little break through the summer so far.

9 The purpose of today's meeting is we thought it
10 might be time to just give everybody an update with all the
11 programs that have launched about where things stand, and
12 to give members an opportunity under "Other Business" to
13 talk a little bit more about any experiences that they're
14 having.

15 So Joe, I'll turn it back to you for the
16 presentation, and should members have -- it would be great
17 if you could go a section at a time and then see if anybody
18 has questions, so that we're able to answer them as we go
19 along.

20 You have a) through e) under "Presentations," so
21 that might be a good time to do one at a time, as I said,
22 and then let folks ask questions if they have any. Thanks,

1 Joe.

2 JOE DOIRON: Thank you Donnalee. Just wanted to
3 start off with a quick website update. If you haven't had
4 a chance to visit the website in a short time, a lot of
5 content is added every day. And we're constantly adding
6 more things, adapting.

7 We want to make the experience more user
8 friendly. We understand that there's a lot of information,
9 and rightfully so, right? I mean, we're working with \$1.25
10 billion dollars, and we want to make sure that, you know,
11 there's full transparency... that we're providing
12 explanations, that we're accounting for the public funds,
13 that we're making sure that folks understand what's going
14 on, and providing opportunities to interact with us asking
15 questions.

16 So when you pull up the website, you'll see that
17 it has completely changed. You'll see a lot of info
18 graphics. You'll find that we even have a chatbot there.
19 So if you are unsure as to where to find things, you can
20 actually type in a question, and it will try to help direct
21 you there.

22 So as a staff, it was kind of fun trying to think

1 of all the different questions.

2 And we utilized what questions we had received
3 through our web inquiry forms, but also e-mails and phone
4 calls and what not, because we want to make sure that we
5 are responsive to the public.

6 You'll see the various tabs -- you know, for
7 Advisory Boards. You know, feel free, you can see
8 presentations, you can see information about the
9 Legislative Advisory Board, and Stakeholder Advisory Board
10 for transparency. We have all the Board members listed
11 under the Advisory Board tab, if you click "Stakeholder
12 Advisory Board."

13 You can see the call information for the calls
14 for the public. You can see, as I mentioned, the members
15 of the Board, along with the disclosure documents. You can
16 find a whole lot of information there for folks if -- you
17 know, anybody wanted to take a look there.

18 And again, we have the "Legislative Advisory
19 Board." We have "News and Meetings," where you can find a
20 way to contact the press office, the info ad accounts, the
21 different public announcements, like when we notice
22 meetings of the SAB and the LAB. Those are found in "News

1 and Meetings."

2 The "COVID Expenditures" tab which there is a lot
3 there, and we're going to provide here at GOFERR some
4 explanations for the various programs listed there.

5 But if you click on any of them, you'll find a
6 whole bunch of information about what those programs are
7 and how they interact with the public, and how they're
8 meaning to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

9 And then if you look at "Transparency" there's a
10 whole bunch of dropdowns, including the Main Street Relief
11 Fund Transparency Map. And that's incredibly interactive.
12 It would encourage folks -- I mean, that's our biggest
13 program. And you can see town by town how money was
14 distributed to different businesses.

15 We were very clear with applicants that this is a
16 public process, this is a transparent process. So we want
17 folks to be able to see. So we plan on adding additional
18 functionality of different programs in the future.

19 So we're working with a number of entities,
20 including the Department of Information Technology and
21 various vendors to provide as much information as a web
22 platform will allow.

1 And then on the "Contact," just a way to get in
2 touch with us through the online web inquiry. And of
3 course we have the "Info at GOFERR" account. So we want to
4 make sure that folks if they need to get ahold of us, that
5 we're accessible.

6 So that's a brief overview of the tabs. I mean,
7 we could probably do a whole meeting on just the content of
8 the website. But a lot of hours, a lot of time was put
9 into this, because we want to have an outward-facing
10 platform that shows what's going on for transparency for
11 good governance.

12 And so, we want folks to apply and participate in
13 the different programs. And we're always encouraging
14 participation throughout the whole process.

15 So with that, Donnalee, I don't know -- I mean, I
16 guess I could take a few questions on the website overview
17 if people have them. Or would you like me to go right into
18 the overview of the announced programs, which I think most
19 people are most excited about?

20 DONNALEE LOZEAU: All right. I think you're
21 right; most people are excited about what's next. But just
22 in case there are questions on the website, I think we

1 should give folks an opportunity. Does anybody have any
2 questions?

3 JOE DOIRON: That's 5* if anybody has a question
4 or comment.

5 DONNALEE LOZEAU: The website is really very
6 impressive, Joe. I know how much time people have had to
7 put into it and have it look like this. So I think it's
8 pretty great.

9 JOE DOIRON: Yeah, and if folks --

10 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay. If there aren't any --

11 JOE DOIRON: Oh, sorry, Donnalee. Apparently, I
12 did that great of an explanation.

13 DONNALEE LOZEAU: [Laughter] Well, or the website
14 speaks for itself too, Joe. All right. Well, I'm just
15 throwing a little bone to the IT folks.

16 JOE DOIRON: Yeah.

17 DONNALEE LOZEAU: We'll go on to item B, thank
18 you.

19 JOE DOIRON: Perfect. So I'm going to turn it
20 over to the first program that we're going to discuss. I'm
21 going to turn it over to Lisa English, and Lisa's going to
22 discuss the "Connecting New Hampshire Emergency Broadband

1 Expansion Program." Go ahead, Lisa.

2 LISA ENGLISH: Great. Thank you, Joe. So as
3 many of you know, when New Hampshire entered into -- and
4 our school districts entered into responding to this
5 pandemic, there was a swift and successful transition to
6 remote services.

7 But there are areas with limited Internet
8 connectivity, and those areas certainly have experienced
9 challenges with this transition.

10 So the Governor authorized the expenditure of \$50
11 million dollars from the CARES Act fund to address this
12 increased need of Internet connectivity because of the
13 pandemic.

14 And so, that's led to the Connecting New
15 Hampshire Emergency Broadband Expansion Program, which is
16 designed to benefit students, families, businesses as the
17 need for distanced learning, telework, telehealth and other
18 remote services continue, as we make our way through this
19 pandemic.

20 The OSI -- the Office of Strategic Initiatives --
21 is working with the Department of Education and the PUC --
22 the Public Utilities Commission -- in an RFP process. That

1 process actually is ongoing right now. The due date with
2 RFP passed on July 2. So the anticipated "contact the
3 Board" is in mid-July. So we'll have more information
4 about this program at that time.

5 So that's all I have for my quick overview.

6 JOE DOIRON: Donnalee, so I know that was a brief
7 overview. I think folks will maybe have some questions.
8 Could we take some questions about that specific program
9 now, is that okay? Or would you like to hold questions to
10 the end of the section or do it by program?

11 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Well, I think if we do it by
12 program, it would make it easier.

13 JOE DOIRON: Perfect, perfect.

14 DONNALEE LOZEAU: It might lengthen the meeting a
15 little bit. But I think if something's on somebody's mind
16 right then, it's easier than having them try to wait until
17 the end.

18 So why don't we see if there's any questions
19 regarding that? I mean, that one -- I think Lisa's point
20 is the bid went out, closed, now you have to look. But if
21 anybody has questions on that, now's your chance.

22 JOE DOIRON: Perfect. Donnalee, we have a hand

1 raised from Michelle. Go ahead, Michelle.

2 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Yes, thank you. Just I wasn't
3 quite sure if I heard this correctly or not, because I'm
4 representing health care and we did have to change to
5 telehealth to be able to continue providing care to our
6 patients.

7 This you said was public utilities working with
8 the Department of Education? But I also thought I heard
9 you said this could be a solution to telehealth. I'm just
10 trying to figure out how health care fits into this.

11 LISA ENGLISH: So thank you. That's a great
12 question. The need for effective Broadband connectivity is
13 important. And we hear about it a lot when we're talking
14 about schools going remote or businesses, because there are
15 people that access their health care through this.

16 And if they aren't able to have connectivity,
17 they're really limited to just -- for example having a
18 telephone call as opposed to potentially some sort of video
19 mechanism.

20 So that's really -- when I talk about telehealth
21 with regard to the Broadband program, that is -- that's
22 really what we're talking about. There's no doubt that

1 every program that we have, or most every program that we
2 have that involves funding different organizations is being
3 used to fund a lot of different transitions into remote and
4 telework.

5 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Okay. So this initiative would
6 still allow for at least telehealth with the Broadband?

7 LISA ENGLISH: So this is very specifically to
8 increase connectivity. So it's for expanding access to
9 Broadband.

10 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Okay.

11 LISA ENGLISH: So yeah, okay, great.

12 JOE DOIRON: And again, *5 for nay questions.

13 Oh, I'm sorry, 5*. Goodness! it's a little rusty. 5*.

14 And we have a question from Bill Ardinger. Go ahead, Bill.

15 BILL ARDINGER: Hi Joe, GOFERR team, everybody.

16 Good to hear all of you. And I hope everyone is doing okay
17 in these challenging times.

18 Lisa, my question to you about this program is
19 about the complexity of getting this kind of infrastructure
20 in place, and how that interrelates with the requirement
21 that the state must disperse the funds for the purpose by
22 the end of the year.

1 I'd just like you to address what the planning is
2 on that.

3 LISA ENGLISH: So we made it very clear up front
4 the challenges that are imposed essentially on these funds
5 because of the guidance.

6 And in fact, there's an FAQ directly on this
7 point that talks about if you are going to use funds to
8 expand Broadband's capacity, it has to be something that
9 will increase capacity to a significant extent during the
10 current public health emergency.

11 So that in mind, we rolled out what is a pretty
12 aggressive timeline. And it certainly is a challenge. But
13 in order to take advantage of this opportunity, all
14 expenditures under the program end on December 30, and
15 projects -- the goal is for projects to be complete as
16 early as possible, and no later than December 15.

17 BILL ARDINGER: So is that -- are you -- follow-
18 up Lisa, is that -- are you talking about making the
19 expenditure for the purpose, and then the funds can be
20 deployed, you know, kind of in a sensible way to achieve
21 the actual construction of the infrastructure over the next
22 year, say?

1 Or are you saying that the infrastructure --
2 you're interpreting the Treasury Guidance to say that the
3 infrastructure itself has to be constructed any service by
4 12/31?

5 LISA ENGLISH: That's correct. It's actually
6 December 30. So the projects under this program need to be
7 complete during the time allowed by the FAQs. So it is an
8 aggressive timeline, but it's the only way that we're able
9 to use CARES Act funds for this purpose.

10 And when I say "CARES Act funds," I'm talking
11 about the Coronavirus Relief Fund or the GOFERR funds.

12 BILL ARDINGER: Understood. I would just comment
13 as follow-up that given the fact that it's a construction
14 type project, you know, I am concerned that it's going to
15 be very, very -- it seems like the program is too
16 constraining to achieve its goal.

17 That is a very aggressive timeline, as you say,
18 and in my experience, you know, where you have to lease up
19 space on poles, you've got to put up poles, you've got to
20 lay wires, you've got to test it, you've got to synchronize
21 it.

22 I think -- you know, we had a prior program in

1 the state that was not very -- you know, it took forever.

2 And so I just -- I'm, I just have a sense of
3 caution. Do you know there's any chance that the federal
4 government will understand that it's probably proposing a
5 kind of silly, unrealistic limitation with respect to the
6 Broadband, and maybe open that up a little bit?

7 Thank you.

8 LISA ENGLISH: Thanks for the question. I have
9 no doubt that there are people asking Congress to try and
10 change these guardrails, as far as the timing on the
11 Coronavirus Relief Fund. But, so the time restraints we
12 have on this program have been put upon us by the federal
13 government.

14 And so, whether or not the efforts to try and
15 change that timeframe are successful or not, only Congress
16 knows, which I think means no one probably knows for sure,
17 as we sit here today.

18 Thank you, Lisa. Thank you, Joe. And Donnalee,
19 it appears that we have no further hands raised on this
20 particular program.

21 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay, great. We'll go to the
22 next one. Thanks, Joe.

1 JOE DOIRON: Thank you. And we're going to stick
2 with Lisa. So Lisa is going to now chat about the Long-
3 term Care Stabilization Program. Go ahead, Lisa.

4 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you, Joe. So this program
5 actually began prior to the opening of the GOFERR office.
6 It was developed with DHHS and New Hampshire Employment
7 Security.

8 And this -- the COVID-19 Long-term Care
9 Stabilization Program was designed to help stabilize the
10 frontline work of certain Medicaid providers that are not
11 able to do their work remotely, and it's targeted to
12 providers for aging seniors and people with developmental
13 disabilities, as well as individuals with mental health and
14 substance abuse disorders.

15 There's also, I believe, youth residential
16 treatment providers and developmental disability service
17 providers, who provide residential or community home-based
18 care.

19 So the program has -- as I understand it -- has
20 been successful in incentivizing frontline workers to
21 either remain or rejoin as crucial workforce during the
22 COVID-19 emergency.

1 So this was originally set to expire on June 30,
2 but it's been extended to July 31, to align with the
3 unemployment -- the enhanced unemployment benefits related
4 to COVID-19.

5 And at this point there has been I believe over
6 20,000 workers that have received stipends, and at -- I
7 think, I believe approximately over \$35 million dollars
8 have been spent in this program.

9 JOE DOIRON: Okay. Happy to take a few questions
10 with 5*.

11 [Pause]

12 Again, 5* to ask a question about the Long-term
13 Care Stabilization Program. Donnalee, seeing none, is it
14 okay if we proceed to the next program, or?

15 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Each time you present, Joe, why
16 don't you ask if there are questions, just the way you've
17 done, and if not, go ahead and feel free to move on to the
18 next one.

19 JOE DOIRON: Understood. Perfect.

20 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thank you.

21 JOE DOIRON: Great. We will now proceed to the
22 Health Care System Relief Fund, and that's in several

1 components, and I will pass it off to Nancy Smith. Go
2 ahead, Nancy.

3 NANCY SMITH: Good afternoon. The first part of
4 the Health Care System Relief Fund, which we refer to as
5 Round One, again, started before the GOFERR office was
6 established. That was one of the first funds that the
7 Governor set up. It was originally set up as state funds,
8 \$50 million dollars in state funds.

9 And a committee was formed at DHHS to administer
10 those funds. They accepted applications, and those initial
11 funds -- it was decided to go through those applications
12 and to prioritize what they felt were frontline workers --
13 frontline facilities that were in danger of closing, due to
14 impacts of a pandemic.

15 So the awards or grants made to those entities
16 that were frontline, based on in that Round One were done
17 as loans -- no interest loans, which may be forgivable.
18 And we haven't gotten to that stage yet.

19 But down the road, now that these are being
20 backfilled with GOFERR funds, we will be looking at whether
21 we have enough information to do forgiveness on those loans
22 from Round One.

1 So the entities that received those loans are all
2 up on our website. So I'm not going to go through those in
3 detail.

4 We did go onto Round 2 under the Health Care
5 System Relief Fund, and the Governor added \$50 million
6 dollars to the initial \$50 million. So there was \$100
7 million total for the Health Care System Relief Fund. \$30
8 million of that he did request be set aside for long-term
9 care providers, because of the impact of the pandemic on
10 the elderly in long-term care facilities.

11 So there have been an additional eight
12 substantial grants to hospitals who weren't in the first
13 Round frontline awards. Those eight hospital grants total
14 \$24,915,000. Those awards were announced a week ago -- a
15 couple weeks ago. Actually, I think it was just last week.

16 We got the grants out at the beginning of this week,
17 and we're getting them back starting now. So those checks
18 will be going out very shortly. That was to an eight
19 additional hospitals that had not previously received
20 funds.

21 There were two more processes that we've gone
22 through. One was for long-term care. That we had an

1 application process.

2 We received 89 applications for long-term care,
3 in reviewing those on the surface of the information in the
4 applications, we were able to make 68 awards for a total of
5 -- let's see -- I believe the long-term care awards that
6 we've been able to make so far totaled approximately \$11
7 million dollars. I think it's a little bit under that.
8 But that was for the long-term care so far.

9 On the health care applicants that had not been
10 considered, but had submitted applications in the first
11 round, they weren't considered because they weren't
12 frontline. We asked them to submit supplemental
13 applications. We've got 152 of those. Of those, again, on
14 that initial review, we were able to make 107 additional
15 awards, for an additional approximately \$8 million dollars.

16 And so, what we are doing to finish up that Round
17 Two is review the about 20 applications for both long-term
18 care and the health care providers that we have not been
19 able to make awards to, to see whether their detailed
20 supporting data is sufficient to make an award.

21 And there will be further evaluation to that
22 fund, as to what we have spent from it after that, to see

1 whether we do another round at that point.

2 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you, Nancy. And 5* to
3 ask a question. Again, that's 5* to ask a question. And
4 we have the first question from Kathleen Reardon. Go
5 ahead, Kathleen.

6 KATHLEEN REARDON: Hi, Nancy. I have a question.
7 I'm just a little confused by your presentation and what
8 was on the website. Because it talks about an updated
9 application being available soon, but it sounded like if I
10 understand correctly that the Round Two applications were
11 really the ones that were not funded in the initial.

12 So my question really is around the kinds of
13 facilities that are receiving funds, and sort of how
14 broadly this Health Care System Relief Fund is conceived.
15 You had talked about the first phase was really about
16 organizations that were in imminent danger of closure.

17 And then I believe there was a concept that it
18 would be expanded to all different types of health care
19 related entities, not just those facilities. But I'm not
20 really clear if that's exactly how it has played out.

21 NANCY SMITH: Now, if I --

22 KATHLEEN REARDON: Meaning --

1 NANCY SMITH: All long-term care facilities will
2 receive notice that their opportunities to submit an
3 application for the broader category of health care
4 providers, the notice for the supplemental application, the
5 decision was made that this round was only going to be open
6 to those that had not been considered as frontline
7 providers.

8 Like I said, the decision was to get updated
9 information specifically for a grant process from those
10 before we go onto any other broader application process,
11 which would be open again to all health care providers.

12 KATHLEEN REARDON: Okay.

13 NANCY SMITH: So that broad-based application has
14 not happened yet.

15 KATHLEEN REARDON: Okay. That's helpful, but can
16 I just make sure I understand this?

17 So the first round was health care facilities
18 that were in danger of closing, and that was the main
19 criteria.

20 This next round were those that maybe had
21 submitted -- in addition to the long-care stabilization,
22 but there were other health care facilities.

1 And then if there's another, different criteria
2 and broader health care entities, that's future: Did I
3 capture that accurately?

4 NANCY SMITH: That's essentially correct,
5 although there was no limitation on who could apply in the
6 first to the first health care, in the first health care
7 round.

8 The applications that were received, it was
9 decided to prioritize those and just consider those that
10 were considered frontline from that. That was not a
11 criterion or a limitation on who could apply.

12 So any health care provider could have applied in
13 Round One.

14 KATHLEEN REARDON: That's helpful, thank you.

15 JOE DOIRON: Great. And again, that's 5* to ask
16 a question, and I'm just checking the Board right now.
17 Again, that's 5*. Give it another moment to populate, if
18 anyone would like to raise their hand and ask a question.
19 Okay, great. Well, thank you Nancy.

20 We're going to shift gears, and now chat about
21 the Main Street Relief Fund, and that has two components
22 that we're going to chat about, which is the Main Street

1 Relief Fund, and the New Hampshire Self-Employed Livelihood
2 Fund, or SELF Program.

3 And I'll turn that over to Shawn. Go ahead,
4 Shawn.

5 SHAWN THOMAS: Thank you, Joe. The Main Street
6 Relief Fund received over 8700 final submits. As of this
7 week, DRA has processed 5246 awards. They had processed
8 over 5000, as of the week of June 22.

9 So right now, those additional awards are the
10 result of pending appeals, as well as DRA broad reviews,
11 looking at addresses, as well as whether or not the
12 business actually exists and those types of issues.

13 So there are still probably another 150 that are
14 currently under review. So that number, the 5246, may
15 increase over the coming weeks.

16 Those 5246 awards total about \$336 million
17 dollars. The average award of that group is about \$64,000.
18 If you remember, the Governor had originally allocated \$400
19 million dollars to Main Street. That difference, the
20 difference between a \$336 million and the \$400 million is
21 the result of the grant maximum -- a \$350,000 grant cap.

22 So that remaining about \$60 million dollars will

1 be used in funding the SELF Program -- Self-Employed
2 Livelihood Fund.

3 Just for background, among those applicants that
4 had filed for Main Street Relief, about 2000 were denied
5 because they had indicated they were self-employed.

6 In addition, you remember Main Street had two
7 phases; there was a prequalification phase and a final
8 phase. There were another 2700 applicants during the
9 prequalification phase, that had indicated they were self-
10 employed, but -- and so did -- once the eligibility
11 criteria was known, did not file final submission.

12 So there was about 4700 applicants during Main
13 Street application process that indicated they were self-
14 employed, and that really -- itself recognizes that need.
15 And that's really the basis for SELF.

16 And with respect to the SELF program, this is a
17 very, very similar program to the Main Street program. The
18 big difference, obviously, is that this is for self-
19 employed businesses. By "self-employed business" we mean
20 the business has owners only -- no employees.

21 A few other differences: The 2019 gross receipts
22 threshold for SELF is \$1 million dollars compared to \$20

1 million for Main Street. There is a max SELF grant of
2 \$50,000 compared to \$350,000 dollars for Main Street. And
3 then SELF has a single application phase -- not two. And
4 so, this application phase runs for two weeks. It's
5 currently open, and it ends on July 17.

6 With respect to the formula, the SELF formula:
7 Again, this is very similar to Main Street. You start with
8 your loss of gross receipts from 2019 to 2020. It's
9 adjusted for other COVID-19 relief funding that has been
10 received.

11 SELF also takes into consideration any
12 unemployment benefits that have been received. But then it
13 applies the same prorated percentage that was used for Main
14 Street: 17.17 percent.

15 So very similar again, and just to repeat: I
16 mean, this application period is still open, it ends on
17 July 17. So please spread the word; there is information
18 available. On the GOFERR website, the DRA website there's
19 a program Overview with all the eligibility criteria, there
20 are FAQs, as well as a link to the applications.

21 That's all. Happy to answer any questions.

22 [Pause]

1 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Joe, I actually have a
2 question, it's Donnalee.

3 JOE DOIRON: Yep.

4 DONNALEE LOZEAU: So if somebody was self-
5 employed, meets the \$1 million-dollar -- you know, size of
6 business, and received unemployment, would it -- is it a
7 math equation, where whatever they've received in
8 unemployment, we would only cover the difference between
9 their -- say 2019 earnings versus the -- how would that
10 work? How would that work? I'm just not sure I understand
11 that. I'm just not sure I understand that.

12 JOE DOIRON: Yeah, good question. So you start
13 with what we call the, "anticipated loss." So this is the
14 difference from 2019 to 2020. You start with that, and
15 then you would subtract your unemployment benefits.

16 So let's say -- so just as an example, let's say
17 in 2019 you had \$100,000 in gross receipts; in 2020 you had
18 \$50,000 in gross receipts. Your anticipated loss in that
19 instance is \$50,000.

20 You would then subtract any unemployment benefits
21 received -- let's say you have received \$10,000 in
22 unemployment benefits, that's both federal and state

1 benefits, that would leave you with \$40,000. That \$40,000
2 would then be multiplied by the 17.1 percent, and that
3 would be your award.

4 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay, thank you. That helps.

5 JOE DOIRON: And again, it's 5* to ask a
6 question. If I could just ask, Shawn, GOFERR did a lot of
7 advertising with both the Main Street Relief Fund and the
8 SELF fund as well. Obviously, the SELF fund is still open.

9 So you might see those digital ads we have been
10 running in newspaper website across the state. We did
11 those print and digital. The Governor has mentioned
12 numerous times at the press conferences about these
13 programs. When the Governor has also been on WMUR, it's
14 always mentioned.

15 For the Main Street Relief Fund, there were
16 public service announcements that were generously provided
17 by radio stations across the state, on top of just organic
18 social media efforts.

19 The Chamber of Commerce blasted that out. I know
20 government agencies, the Department of Business and
21 Economic Affairs, sent it out to both. So these programs
22 have gone far and wide and continue to go far and wide, as

1 we try to blanket the state getting news about these
2 opportunities out and about.

3 So I just wanted to put that out there as well,
4 this health fund advertising still continues, obviously
5 since the Main Street Relief Fund Program that wrapped up,
6 but there was extensive advertising in both.

7 So hopefully you've seen that in your local
8 paper, on mobile version, on the website and what not. So
9 we really tried to blanket the state. Just mentioning that
10 real fast.

11 And then we have a question from Ben. Go ahead,
12 Ben.

13 BEN WILCOX: Hi, thank you. And first of all,
14 thanks. That Main Street Relief Fund I know, and the New
15 Hampshire Community here felt by a lot of community
16 businesses and really came in a nice, expedited way, so
17 that people that might have been sort of surviving off PPP
18 were sort of balancing that, and I've heard just a lot of
19 positive comments.

20 One question through a lot of the Zoom calls that
21 I'm involved with: The 501c6 Chamber of Commerce
22 throughout the state I guess was not capable of applying

1 for funds. Do we have a sense where for that?

2 Maybe I'm jumping ahead to the gaps. But I was
3 thinking that since a lot of the Chambers are business-
4 focused, does that -- where did that play into things?
5 That's my question.

6 JOE DOIRON: Thanks for your question Ben,
7 absolutely. This is Joe. Just there's a number of
8 programs that we're still working on, working out the
9 details.

10 It's been announced publicly that there's going
11 to be some funding support for Chambers of Commerce
12 specifically. And that's going to be managed by the
13 Department of Business and Economic Affairs. And I know
14 they're working diligently to implement that and work with
15 the Chambers.

16 The Department of Business and Economic Affairs
17 happens to be our neighbors. We've kind of set up shop in
18 their office, so we can attest that they are diligently
19 working on that.

20 So there should be news in the coming days about
21 that. But yeah, that's definitely a gap that came up, and
22 you know, we want to be responsive to hearing from

1 stakeholders and folks. And we heard from several staff
2 members, but also the Chambers directly. So we appreciate
3 the feedback.

4 BEN WILCOX: Okay. Great. Again, that Main
5 Street Relief Fund I thought was really well-timed, and
6 good job with that, for sure.

7 JOE DOIRON: Thanks for that, sir. Thank you.
8 And we have a question from Scott Mason. Go ahead, Scott.

9 SCOTT MASON: Thanks, Joe. I'd like to bring up
10 there was an open letter to the Governor and to the GOFERR
11 July 6.

12 And I'll butcher the gentleman's name -- Theo
13 Mwano (phonetic)? I apologize if I've butchered your name,
14 sir, asking that money be set aside for immigrants and
15 businesses of color that have not -- that didn't realize or
16 didn't understand what they needed to do in order to apply
17 for grants through the GOFERR.

18 I can certainly understand where folks -- most of
19 the information I received incoming to my business about,
20 not through GOFERR, but from other sources -- came through
21 the organization that I belong to; both, you know, the
22 local Chamber and also the New Hampshire Farm Bureau.

1 And I can see where folks that have owned little,
2 tiny businesses don't always belong to organizations,
3 because they don't have the money to pay the dues to some
4 of these organizations. And I can understand where some of
5 these folks may have been left behind in this process.

6 And I didn't know whether we were going to take a
7 look at this and see if there's anything they can do.

8 One of the other requests that they made was for
9 a special scholarship fund for students from these
10 families, or I should say from all -- his term, "black,
11 brown and new immigrant student scholarships."

12 And I would suggest that if we do take a look at
13 that, that thank you sit down and chat with the University
14 System about the current Granite guarantee, and how that
15 could be utilized to help some of these students.

16 JOE DOIRON: Thank you for your comments, Scott.
17 You know, we received the letter, and we appreciate any
18 feedback from stakeholders. We definitely -- you know, we
19 want to hear as much information out there, we want to hear
20 from folks, you know, out in the public. So we do
21 appreciate that. We're looking into that.

22 I would like to just put a plug out there. I

1 mean, the SELF program is live, it's out there.

2 So I guess something that we would ask for help
3 with, like with any program, is if we can get that out into
4 the different communities -- you know, we really want to
5 see numbers go up. You know, we have a healthy amount, but
6 we want to see more people participate.

7 But, you know, thank you for brining that up.
8 And we will -- you know, we have the letter, and appreciate
9 the fact that people are reaching out to us. And we want
10 to be responsible.

11 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Joe, I think now's a good time
12 to make another good point, too. For follows that need
13 help with language barriers, I think all the members of the
14 Board should know that the website that you've created does
15 allow -- like many of them -- for folks to change the
16 language on the website, so that they can read the
17 information in their native language, should they be more
18 comfortable with that.

19 I think that's just an important thing for people
20 to know. Sometimes you get caught up in a website, and you
21 don't realize all the bells and whistles that are there,
22 and that one is certainly there, and that could help as

1 well.

2 JOE DOIRON: Thank you Donnalee. And we have --
3 I've just taken a look at the Board. Again, 5* would be
4 final questions for Main Street Relief Fund.

5 And again, just one last plug for the SELF
6 Program, it's live. Please share it on social media.
7 Share it with your e-mail continuances. Just, you know, we
8 want to have it far and wide.

9 So -- oh, and we have a hand raised from Bill
10 Ardinger. Go ahead, Bill.

11 BILL ARDINGER: Yes. I just wanted to close by
12 saying that, you know, over the years of my career, I've
13 had opportunities to work with the Department of Revenue
14 Administration -- sometimes on the same side, other times
15 adversarially.

16 And I just think if the representatives from the
17 Department and on GOFERR who have put this program together
18 to administer it in a very fast grant way: I know that
19 there are still many details to be worked out, but hats off
20 to the Department and all of the people who really tried to
21 move those dollars through very quickly.

22 From what I've seen, that's a pretty fast

1 movement of dollars, compared to other states. And great
2 job to the Department of Revenue Administration and all
3 others who worked on that.

4 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Bill. And looking at the
5 board, it looks like we are ready to proceed.

6 Switching topics to the municipal and county
7 COVID-19 cost reimbursement program. Again, that has
8 municipal relief and county relief. And I'm going to pass
9 that over to John Frasier.

10 Go ahead, John.

11 JOHN FRASIER: Thank you, Joe. Good afternoon,
12 everybody. So, as you probably all know, the Governor
13 authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$40 million
14 dollars total: \$32 million to municipalities and \$8
15 million dollars to counties, to cover eligible COVID-19
16 related expenses incurred from March 1 through August 31.

17 And the amounts were allocated based upon the
18 municipalities' population as presented to the state. And
19 their figures derive from 2018 population, as determined by
20 Office of Strategic Initiatives. And if anybody wants to
21 know their population, I can give it to them readily, in
22 their home town.

1 So the program is going along well. There is a
2 grant application that initially had to be completed by the
3 municipalities and counties. And to date, out of the 10
4 counties and 234 municipalities -- or, that's 244 total,
5 we've received grant agreements to date of 170. So that's
6 70 percent of the counties and municipalities have
7 completed grant agreements.

8 And of that total, the first round of
9 reimbursement, the three reimbursement rounds there was a
10 June 1, a July 15, and a September 15 -- those three
11 reimbursement rounds. And 134 towns, cities and counties
12 sought reimbursement from us for the first round. So that
13 represent 55 percent.

14 So out of the total 244, we received grant
15 agreements from 70 percent, and reimbursement requests from
16 55 percent.

17 We to date have -- we have sent out
18 reimbursements of just under \$3.5 million dollars to date.
19 So we're looking -- you know, we're looking for more and
20 more municipalities to submit their grant agreements and to
21 seek reimbursement.

22 The second reimbursement expires on July 15, and

1 each day I'm seeing more and more e-mails coming in for
2 those. So by the time this meeting ends, I'll probably
3 have about 15 more e-mails.

4 So we're really encouraging the municipalities
5 and counties to get the grant agreements in and to seek
6 reimbursement.

7 Initially, the reimbursement periods were a
8 little more restrictive, but we've loosened that up. And
9 we just want to make sure that not everybody waits til the
10 last round to submit their reimbursement.

11 Because there are expenditures that are
12 allowable, and there are expenditures that are not
13 allowable, and we really would like to see, you know, each
14 of these entities receive what's available to them,
15 provided they can demonstrate the allowable costs.

16 There are a few interesting things. Initially,
17 expenditures that qualified for FEMA reimbursement -- FEMA
18 will reimburse 75 percent of a number of things, such as
19 PPE and sanitizing and police and fire overtime. So
20 they'll reimburse 75 percent.

21 Initially, we weren't able to pick up that
22 additional 25 percent. But subsequent to the entering into

1 the grant agreements, the Treasury loosened those
2 restrictions, so now we can reimburse that additional 25
3 percent that FEMA doesn't cover.

4 So that's important, because these municipalities
5 and counties are suppose first seek reimbursement from FEMA
6 for the first 75 percent. So we're now able to pick up
7 that 25 percent for them.

8 So that's -- you know, that was an added bonus.
9 And so, it's buzzing along, the program. It is pretty
10 massive, with 244 entities. And we're doing the auditing
11 up front, which is good, so that we're ensuring that their
12 expenditures up here qualify for reimbursement, so that on
13 the tail end, hopefully there won't be any questions.

14 We've been working with the Municipal Association
15 to make sure that everybody is familiarized with it.
16 Everybody was notified initially, but we just want to make
17 sure that nobody's had an oversight.

18 And I'm available for any questions.

19 DONNALEE LOZEAU: This is Donnalee. I do have a
20 question, and maybe I missed it. So now that that 25
21 percent can be applied for by the municipalities and the
22 counties, there's not like a deadline for filing on

1 municipal and county money, similar to what there is on the
2 businesses and some of the other programs, or is there?

3 JOHN FRASIER: There is a deadline, yes. So we
4 can only reimburse for expenditures incurred up until
5 August 31. This program ends August 31, and your final
6 reimburse request has to be submitted by September 15.

7 So whereas the Coronavirus Relief Fund and CARES
8 Act extends out until December 30, this particular program
9 does not extent out that -- well, it only extends out until
10 August 30. So --

11 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay. I think what the ask
12 was, I wanted to make sure that municipalities who are now
13 hearing about being able to apply for that 25 percent, that
14 they're still able to apply. So it's good to know that the
15 deadline is August. So they could apply tomorrow, if they
16 happen to hear, or miss the announcement or whatever the
17 case may be, right?

18 JOHN FRASIER: Yes, yes.

19 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay.

20 JOHN FRASIER: Yeah. We've loosened the
21 restrictions too. Initially, that first reimbursement
22 period had ended on June 1. You could only submit for

1 March and April expenses. And if you missed them in that
2 first June submission, you are out of lock.

3 So now we've loosened those restrictions. We've
4 waived them, so that with your July 15 reimburse request,
5 you can seek reimbursement for expenses incurred in March
6 and April as well.

7 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Great, thank you.

8 JOHN FRASIER: Yeah, and -- but just make sure
9 that people don't submit twice [Laughter]. That's by -- you
10 know, we've opened it up so that nobody misses out on the
11 opportunity.

12 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Well, we've talked for a long
13 time -- double dipping. The communities aren't any
14 different. [Laughter]

15 JOE DOIRON: Any questions for John? 5*? Again,
16 5* to ask a question.

17 [Pause]

18 Checking the board. It's that we don't have any
19 further questions regarding the municipal and county Cost
20 to Reimbursement Program.

21 So now I'm going to kick it back over to Shawn
22 Thomas for the New Hampshire Agriculture COVID-19 Relief

1 Program. Go ahead, Shawn.

2 SHAWN THOMAS: Thank you, Joe. So the
3 Agriculture Program has two parts: a Dairy Program and a
4 Specialty Crop Producers Program. Both of these programs
5 are being administered by the Department of Agriculture.

6 They are really doing a great job. These are
7 very well-designed, thorough programs, and they are moving
8 quickly to operationalize them. The Dairy Program
9 specifically, that received an allocation of \$4 million
10 dollars. This is really -- I'll call it a monthly program,
11 a monthly automatic program, automatic meaning there is no
12 application. Monthly meeting checks will be made on a
13 monthly basis.

14 The Specialty Cross Producers Program is more or
15 less being paid on a quarterly basis, and there is an
16 application process for that program.

17 So I guess I'll start with the Dairy Program.
18 The first monthly checks, we expect those will be out door
19 very, very soon -- probably as soon as early next week.
20 This first check will be for the month of April, and then
21 May will follow probably shortly afterwards, and so on and
22 so forth.

1 Because generally we'll expect about a 45 day lag
2 from the end of the month until when Agriculture had the
3 information it needs to make the payments.

4 So this is a program that's based on lost
5 revenue; specifically milk production. It looks at the
6 price actually paid for milk, compares that to the price
7 that was forecasted back in February, and makes some
8 adjustments for insurance and for federal support.

9 And so, some of that information does take that
10 45 days, and that's why there is that lag. But once this
11 first check goes out now for the month of April, it should
12 be all downhill from there, I think.

13 On the Specialty Crop Producers Program, the
14 first application period is underway. It is currently
15 opened. It started on June 25 and runs through July 15.
16 This application period is specifically from the period
17 from March 1 to June 30.

18 So as I mentioned earlier, this is more or less a
19 quarterly program. So this first period, March 1 to June
20 30. Then there will be July 1 to September 30, and October
21 1 to November 30. So those are the three periods.

22 So this first application period -- again,

1 application is due July 15. Important to note you cannot
2 apply unless you already registered; it was a separate
3 registration period. That ended back on June 22. So those
4 who registered can now apply; if they did not register,
5 they cannot apply.

6 And this program is based on COVID-19 related
7 expenses and lost revenues. The specialty crop producers
8 are growers and maple producers, largely. So fruit,
9 vegetable and ornamental plant growers and maple producers,
10 those are the specialty crop producers.

11 And that's the Agriculture program. Happy to
12 answer any questions.

13 JOE DOIRON: Okay. And again, that's 5*. Again,
14 5* to ask a question. Seeing none on the board, that's a
15 lot of happy farmers out there, so that's great.

16 We're going to kick it over to Lisa with the New
17 Hampshire Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program,
18 and take it away, Lisa.

19 LISA ENGLISH: Great, thank you. I think we can
20 all agree that ensuring access to safe and quality child
21 care has been crucial to our state's emergency and
22 essential workforce. But now, child care is a vital

1 component to New Hampshire's plan to reopen the economy.

2 The demand for child care is shifting quickly, as
3 businesses reopen and parents return to work across
4 multiple industry across the state.

5 So a rapid and intense infusion of resources was
6 identified as a need to stabilize operational budgets and
7 providers, to make sure we have a sufficient and qualified
8 workforce, and align the system with the industry, employer
9 and parent needs across the state.

10 So as part of this program, the Governor
11 allocated an initial \$20 million dollars with \$5 million in
12 reserve to support child care programs. This program is
13 being run through DHHS in collaboration with the Department
14 of Education, and those departments have developed a plan
15 to support the immediate needs of the state for child care,
16 while simultaneously looking at the future as part of a
17 holistic early care and education system.

18 And so, this process has built upon the work of
19 the New Hampshire's Emergency Child Care Program and
20 Collaborative, which was developed and operationalized
21 during the early stages of the public health emergency.

22 So as the business reopens and the economy

1 restarts, DHHS and DOE are targeting operational workforce
2 and health and safety supports for the child care system,
3 and coordinating those business and family needs.

4 So funds in this are able to be used for
5 promoting health and safety, including training and
6 technical assistance in the areas of infectious disease,
7 early childhood and mental and behavioral health and family
8 support.

9 And funds can be used to ensure financial
10 stability, including specific, targeted stabilization and
11 retention grants for the child care industry and family
12 resource centers during this pandemic to cover costs of
13 smaller ratios and (01:04:16 indiscernible) sizes... and to
14 also support infrastructure and coordination of statewide
15 efforts with local, regional ties and making sure that
16 programs are connected.

17 This funding supports a strategic, aligned and
18 innovative approach to manage and reopen child care, as the
19 economy reopens.

20 I believe a few days ago award letters were sent
21 out to a number of programs, and I have a couple of thank
22 you letters that cross our desk. But I know that there's a

1 lot of folks that are working really hard to make sure that
2 our children and our providers are operating in a safe and
3 healthy environment.

4 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you, Lisa. And I'm
5 happy to take some questions. Again, it's 5*. 5* to raise
6 your hand to ask a question. [Pause]

7 And we have our first question from Al Letizio,
8 Jr. Go ahead, al.

9 AL LETIZIO JR.: Hi there. Thank you very much
10 for that update. And I just wanted to clarify, because I
11 had received an inquiry from someone in the child care end
12 wondering when the reimbursements would be going out. And
13 it sounds like they are going out, is that -- did I hear
14 that correctly?

15 LISA ENGLISH: I believe that that there were
16 letters of notifying applicants of their award status. I
17 believe it was 420 applicants representing 598 programs
18 have received that notification.

19 I don't have information with me right now as to
20 dates of funding going out. It may have gone out, but I
21 don't have that information for you, I'm sorry. I can get
22 that.

1 AL LETIZIO JR.: No problem. That's fine, I
2 appreciate it. The individual who asked me was actually
3 one of our presents. She was -- Donna Hajjar (phonetic)
4 was asking on behalf of her organization, which is a group
5 of these providers.

6 They were just -- I think they had not received
7 funds, and they were just a little bit concerned. Some of
8 them were real concerned about their own finances with
9 everything going on.

10 So I did direct her over to Joe's office, and
11 presumably there's been a contact made, or there's been at
12 least some progress report given back. And hopefully if
13 that is not the case, then it happens soon. Thank you.

14 LISA ENGLISH: Absolutely. And I do know that
15 the department is committed to working as quickly as
16 possible for very long hours on the weekends as well, and
17 processing these, so we do appreciate it.

18 And I know they've worked with providers and
19 continue communicate with them. Because, you know,
20 obviously everything is urgent, but we also want to make
21 sure that we get it right.

22 So I will make sure to pass that along, but I

1 just want to make sure that folks know how hard the
2 department is working on these efforts.

3 AL LETIZIO JR.: I thank you so, so much, and
4 just want to echo what Bill Ardinger said; you guys are
5 doing a tremendous job, so thank you.

6 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you.

7 JOE DOIRON: Looking at the board, again 5* to
8 ask a question.

9 [Pause]

10 Very good, okay. Proceeding to the next program
11 is the New Hampshire Food Bank Grants Program. And I'm
12 going to kick that over to Shawn. Go ahead, Shawn.

13 SHAWN THOMAS: This one is pretty
14 straightforward. I will keep it very, very short and
15 sweet. You may remember the Governor allocates \$5 million
16 dollars to the Food Bank -- \$2 million dollars now, \$3
17 million dollars being held in reserve. The issue here,
18 obviously, is the increased food costs with all the
19 additional needs and the supply issues.

20 So the Food Bank will be recording to GOFERR on
21 monthly basis, and using this information, we will make
22 some of that reserve money available as needed. And so,

1 that's really where we are at this point. The \$2 million
2 dollars has been issued, and we will keep an eye on whether
3 or not we need to go to the reserve.

4 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you, Shawn. And
5 again, that's 5* to ask a question. Again, that's 5*.

6 [Pause]

7 Okay. And again, before we move on to the next
8 topic, just because we've had a few other people that have
9 joined us on the call, this is a duly noticed meeting of
10 the Stakeholder Advisory Board. This call is being
11 recorded, and the meeting is being conducted in a manner
12 compliant with RSA 91-A.

13 And again, it's 5* to raise your hand, and we
14 will switch gears now to Lisa, who will chat about the New
15 Hampshire Housing Relief Fund. Go ahead, Lisa.

16 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you, Joe. So this is a fund
17 that is a \$35 million dollar fund, with \$20 million dollars
18 initially allocated and \$15 million being held in reserve
19 for rent stabilization and housing support.

20 The impact on households unable to pay rent due
21 to COVID-19 goes beyond the risk to their housing security;
22 it can impact those individuals, it can impact small

1 landlords and other property owners, and it certainly can
2 have a public health impact on our families and
3 individuals.

4 So the Governor set up this fund. The Department
5 of Health and Human Services has worked with the New
6 Hampshire's five community action program agencies to set
7 this up and at an incredible pace.

8 The applications went live on June 30, and I'll
9 talk a little bit about what they are for, what the
10 applications are for. This is designed to keep people from
11 losing their houses, and to secure or maintain permanent
12 housing.

13 And so, there's two components, although one is
14 really in two parts. There are one-time assistance grants;
15 those are to be used for households that just need a little
16 bit of help, due to a COVID-19 deficiency with their funds
17 in the household.

18 So it could be for past due rent from April 2020
19 forward, it could be to household related expenses that
20 impact their ability to maintain their housing, if it
21 impacts their ability to pay their rent.

22 So that grant is not to be higher than \$2500, and

1 again, has to be a COVID-related cost or expense. And it's
2 targeted to households that will be able to maintain their
3 household without assistance, once they have that one-time
4 payment.

5 The second part is a short-term rental relief
6 program. That can be used for past due rent that was not
7 paid due to COVID-19 related inability to pay, as well as
8 ongoing rental assistance on a short-term basis, using
9 progressive engagement with the CAP agencies. And that
10 rental assistance decreases over time, as the households
11 regain stability. So that's one part.

12 The other part is the ability for first month's
13 rent and ongoing short-term rental assistance to assist
14 with initial costs to transition working households out of
15 shelters and into permanent housing.

16 So all three components of this -- the one-time
17 grant and the short-term rental assistance -- is coupled
18 with regional case management services. And that's to
19 ensure that households can be connected with the
20 appropriate services, as defined by the household and the
21 CAP agencies.

22 So I have just one quick statistic: In the first

1 six days of the application being set up, CAP agencies have
2 received \$2500 requests for allocations. So that's not as
3 of today, that was as of a couple of days ago. So there
4 certainly is a great deal of interest in this program, and
5 we will be monitoring the impact of it as we go forward.
6 I'm happy to take any questions.

7 [Pause]

8 JOE DOIRON: And again, that's 5* to raise your
9 hand. Again, 5*.

10 [Pause]

11 Okay. We're going to go ahead. Scott? We have
12 our first question from Scott Mason. Go ahead, Scott.

13 SCOTT MASON: Sorry about that, I was a little
14 slow. I just want to make sure I heard right. You said
15 you had 2500 applications from the different CAP
16 organizations, or was that total on all rental units?

17 LISA ENGLISH: Sorry. So that's -- the
18 applications are being run through the CAP programs, and
19 they have a website that I should have mentioned, which is
20 -- let me just look -- [hold that up] it's New Hampshire
21 CAP, I believe. Sorry, I'll pull that up in a second.

22 The CAP agencies have received individuals asking

1 for assistance under this program. They've received 2500
2 requests for applications to participate in this program.

3 So I -- and I don't have a breakdown as to
4 whether or not that's for the one-time support or just the
5 short-term rental program.

6 SCOTT MASON: Okay, thank you.

7 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Hi Joe, this is Donnalee. I
8 just want to take a minute. I wasn't quick enough under
9 child care, but I just want to mention two things so it's
10 out in the public. I think everybody knows that CAP stands
11 for Community Action Partnership.

12 I just want to point out that Southern New
13 Hampshire Services, which is the entity that I serve as the
14 Executive Director for, is one of the five entities in the
15 state that is disbursing these funds on behalf of the state
16 contract.

17 Housing funds were something we had done prior to
18 COVID. It's been a longtime thing that Community Action
19 has done. And I know we talked about it when Dean Christon
20 presented, but I just wanted to put that out there.

21 And the second thing that I wanted to put out
22 there is our agency also provides child care to more than

1 630 children in our two counties that we serve; that's
2 Hillsboro and Rockingham.

3 And so, we also did apply for child care funds.
4 I wasn't involved in the application, I had staff do that
5 work, and I just wanted to make sure that I was publicly
6 disclosing that as a member of this Advisory Board.

7 Thank you.

8 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, Donnalee. And I think
9 Lisa wanted to mention one more thing.

10 LISA ENGLISH: I'm so sorry I didn't have it at
11 my fingertips. I just want to make sure that folks are
12 aware of the website, which is Cap, C-a-p-N-H.org, and
13 there's wonderful information on that website.

14 And if you know of folks that don't have easy
15 access to the Internet, 211. They can dial 211, and they
16 can get information about the program as well. And you can
17 always, of course, check our GOFERR webpage, which has
18 links to the CAPNH.org page as well.

19 JOE DOIRON: And for folks at home and on the
20 board, the "COVID Expenditures" tab, just if you want to
21 follow along, you can see the different programs. And
22 again, there's a lot more details, and we've kind of given

1 the high points here. So -- because otherwise the meeting
2 I think would last into the late hours of the evening.

3 And we have a -- now turning it over to a
4 question from Bill Ardinger. Go ahead, Bill.

5 BILL ARDINGER: Thank you, Joe. Lisa, I've been,
6 you know, concerned about an aspect of the rental
7 maintenance program -- support program -- that the tenants
8 have access to good advice with counseling.

9 And that New Hampshire Legal Assistance provides
10 that, but, you know, this could be quite a surge as tenants
11 are applying for these programs, receiving the benefit of
12 the programs through CAP agencies, other things like that.

13 What kind of work is being done to ensure that
14 number one, there is a contact of information, exchange of
15 information going on with New Hampshire Legal Assistance;
16 and number two, that New Hampshire Legal Assistance has the
17 resources available to make sure that they can assist
18 tenants stay in housing arrangements?

19 Thank you.

20 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you. That's a great
21 question. And I'm embarrassed to say that before my drive
22 home last night, I did not know that this program was going

1 to be featured on NHPR, the exchange program.

2 But on that program, there was a representative
3 from Housing Action New Hampshire, from a CAP agency, and
4 from New Hampshire Legal Assistance. So they are certainly
5 coordinating and providing information.

6 I believe that NHLA has information, even though
7 its offices are closed, I guess -- I believe hanging on
8 their doors. And that program was a wonderful opportunity
9 to hear about a lot of questions and answers.

10 The CAP agencies have such a robust ability to
11 answer and provide information. But New Hampshire Legal
12 Assistance has obviously been getting the word out about
13 this program, and will continue to do so and monitor, and
14 make sure that people have the services that they need.

15 BILL ARDINGER: Thank you very much.

16 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you, Bill. With that,
17 I'm looking at the board. Again, 5*. And I just want to
18 check if any Board members have joined. If Jim, Nancy or
19 Jeff joined the call, if you could just -- maybe if you
20 didn't use a speaker code, press 5* and we'd be able to
21 find you.

22 Just wanted to put that out there, because we

1 want to recognize your attendance, make sure that you're
2 able to ask questions.

3 With that, we're going to turn it over to Nancy
4 Smith for a quick discussion about the New Hampshire
5 Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund.

6 NANCY SMITH: Hello again, this is Nancy. So
7 this is going to be very quick, because we are relying very
8 heavily on our contract with a wonderful group who has a
9 lot more knowledge than GOFERR about New Hampshire non-
10 profits made up of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation,
11 the Center for Nonprofits, and the Community Development
12 Finance Authority.

13 We contracted with them to administer the
14 application process for the non-profits. They have that
15 application process that was open for two weeks. I believe
16 it closed right before the 4th of July. [I'm not
17 remembering the date off the top of my head.]

18 But that application process was open for two
19 weeks. They did a lot of publicity and got word out to a
20 lot of the non-profits about the availability of that
21 program. There were FAQs that that that consortium granted
22 to try and answer the questions that they felt would come

1 up about it. Those were up on their website, as well as
2 ours.

3 And my last information from the Charitable
4 Foundation on the number of applications received was that
5 they had gotten a little slightly over 600 applications in
6 that process. The program called for them to go through
7 and evaluate those applications, and then to make
8 recommendations to GOFERR and the Governor for awards to be
9 made.

10 So we are eagerly anticipating receiving the
11 recommendations from the Charitable Foundation and their
12 partners on the awards we made from that \$60 million-dollar
13 fund.

14 LISA ENGLISH: Excellent. So Joe had to step out
15 for a moment, and he's just coming in back right now. But
16 are there any questions for Nancy?

17 [Pause]

18 LISA ENGLISH: Okay.

19 JOE DOIRON: Great.

20 LISA ENGLISH: So no questions.

21 JOE DOIRON: Very good. Nancy, thank you Lisa.

22 Now we're going turn it back to Lisa for the New Hampshire

1 COVID 19 Shelter Modification Program. Go ahead, Lisa.

2 LISA ENGLISH: Great. Thank you, Joe. A scene
3 certainly has emerged in our work here. There are a lot of
4 challenges for a lot of businesses -- families,
5 individuals. But certainly, the needs of New Hampshire's
6 vulnerable citizens have become intensified. And that
7 includes individuals experiencing homelessness.

8 So New Hampshire homeless shelters don't have the
9 resources to effectively accommodate physical distancing
10 people when shelters are at capacity.

11 Some initial funding was available early on in
12 the pandemic, and the weather was still quite cold to
13 address those needs through operating temporary, secondary
14 shelters. So that need still remains, as we had into the
15 fall, and will start to see an increased number of folks
16 using the shelters.

17 So the Governor authorized an allocation of \$15
18 million dollars of flex funds to support those kinds of
19 modifications and expansion to help mitigate the spread
20 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

21 So this is going to allow shelters to be able to
22 adapt their physical spaces, pay for increased operating

1 costs that are associated with social distancing, and
2 potentially develop alternative sites to accommodate the
3 needs of the population that's being served.

4 And this will help to reduce the likelihood of
5 ongoing transmission during this public health emergency.
6 So this plan is in its early stages, but I'm happy to take
7 any questions.

8 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you. And again,
9 that's 5* if you'd like to ask a question. Again, 5*.

10 [Pause] Okay.

11 Proceeding forward back to Lisa, the Higher
12 Education COVID-19 Response Fund, which includes the New
13 Hampshire Public Higher Education Higher System Grant
14 Program, and the New Hampshire Safer Scholars COVID-19
15 Campus Modification Program. That's a lot there.

16 So turning it back to Lisa. Go ahead.

17 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you. I'll make this very
18 quick. This is a fund of total of \$15 million dollars,
19 with \$10 million going to the University System of New
20 Hampshire and \$5 million dollars going to the Community
21 College System of New Hampshire.

22 And these are to cover eligible COVID-19

1 expenses, such as building out infrastructure to strengthen
2 the ability to deliver remote, online learning when
3 necessary, and to have the ability for greater social
4 distancing on campus.

5 The funds can also be used for testing of COVID-
6 19 and contact tracing of students, faculty and staff, as
7 well as PPE, enhanced cleaning, planning for isolation and
8 care of those that have become infected, and increased --
9 for example, increased staffing to have longer lab hours,
10 so that there's less students have to be using the
11 facilities at a particular time.

12 So I'm happy to take any questions about this
13 grant program.

14 JOE DOIRON: Great. And again, that's 5*. 5* to
15 ask a question.

16 [Pause]

17 Okay. Okay. Seeing none, Donnalee, I guess the
18 next thing -- those are kind of the announced programs.
19 Oh, I'm sorry Lisa. Did I jump the gun? I'm sorry, please
20 go ahead.

21 LISA ENGLISH: I have one more that I'll be --

22 JOE DOIRON: -- very good.

1 LISA ENGLISH: -- quicker with.

2 JOE DOIRON: Great.

3 LISA ENGLISH: And I probably should have
4 combined it, my apologies -- announced, the Governor
5 announced a \$10 million dollar fund to assist private, non-
6 profit colleagues and universities for similar expenses
7 that I just talked about.

8 So I will leave it at that, and stop taking over
9 Joe's time.

10 JOE DOIRON: No, it's fine. It's fine. So
11 there's a lot there. Again, website content is added and
12 updated every day. So, you know, there's a lot out there,
13 we understand, and, you know, feel free to explore the
14 website, because there's a ton of information out there.

15 So now Donnalee, if it's okay just to kind of
16 stay on topic, is it okay if I go to Skip b) for a moment
17 and go right to d) which is kind of programs in the works
18 or in development?

19 DONNALEE LOZEAU: I think so, because the
20 applications process and the spending amount to date --
21 some of that has been talked about, as you've gone through.
22 So if there's anything we've missed, that would be fine.

1 But yeah, we -- carry on.

2 JOE DOIRON: So -- and then we'll -- so if you --
3 and again, we don't have a lot yet that we're ready to roll
4 out, because we're working with -- and again, this has been
5 a team partnership with different agencies in the state,
6 different entities.

7 You know, we're working with folks everywhere
8 trying to find, you know, the best path forward,
9 recognizing the goal, you know, the recommendations put
10 forth by this Board, to work with existing entities. So
11 we're working things out. We just don't want to put any
12 pressure on folks, as they're working.

13 But I know, you know, one program is the New
14 Hampshire General Assistance and Preservation Fund, or the
15 GAP Fund. I know the Governor has mentioned that several
16 times publicly, and that's going to be a partnership
17 between us and the Business Finance Authority, so we're
18 looking for that, we're looking forward to that.

19 The New Hampshire Invest In the Future funds, and
20 that's through the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against
21 Children... and so it'll be the New Hampshire Internet Crimes
22 Against Children, COVID-19 emergency program, programs to

1 support community youth, working with the Governor's Youth
2 Council, looking at issues in the veteran's community
3 regarding homelessness, mental health, community centers --
4 systems like the VFW Halls, American Legion, Disabled
5 American Veterans, and also, just general services.

6 And then also we're looking at mental health,
7 substance abuse support as well, with different partners.
8 So we're really trying to hit all the different areas of
9 the state that have been impacted by COVID-19.

10 So those are kind of some programs that are in
11 development that -- again, I'd encourage you just to
12 monitor the website, because something could be put on
13 overnight, and then you'll see the program overview and all
14 that information.

15 So we've a lot of really great partners in this
16 process. We're continuing to add that partnership team.
17 So those are kind of what we're working on currently, and
18 more is added each day. So there's never a dull moment
19 here at the GOFERR office.

20 So with that, I guess just, you know, mentioning
21 the part c. You know, we chatted a little bit about the
22 different applications in the different programs. The SELF

1 program is very healthy, in terms of the applications
2 coming in. So we'd like to see ay that go up.

3 And just it was -- just wanted to double check
4 the number -- the SELF program, we have over 4300, so
5 that's exciting -- of applications, so let's keep them
6 coming. So I just wanted to check with Shawn there on the
7 number, because it's going up as we speak. We can see the
8 numbers come in.

9 And so, in terms of, you know, we're talking
10 about the 1.25 billion when we first had our first
11 conversation. And that's within just the CARES Act flex
12 funds that we work with here. That's not mentioning the
13 other federal funding sources that come into the state
14 through various entities.

15 So these are just -- again -- the flex funds that
16 GOFERR has direct kind of jurisdiction over. We have
17 \$970,147,000 expended, allocated or committed. Did I say
18 that right? It's a wild number. And it's very exciting.

19 So that's when you kind of add up a lot of these
20 programs. So for those of you who are doing math in your
21 heads right now, I'll do it for you. That means that there
22 is \$279,853,000 remaining meaning not expended allocated or

1 committed.

2 So again, that's, you know, a lot of work, a lot
3 of programs, a lot of partnerships. And so, that's direct
4 money getting out in the community all across the Granite
5 State.

6 So that's incredibly exciting, and we're really
7 happy that we're moving quickly, but we're moving -- you
8 know, again, with good partners and good processes as well.
9 So --

10 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Joe?

11 JOE DOIRON: Sorry, Donnalee. Go ahead.

12 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Just a question to make sure
13 that we're clear -- I think it's clear from what you said,
14 but when you say, "Expended, allocated and committed," the
15 example that I'll use just to make sure I understand is
16 \$400 million into the Main Street Relief Fund, \$300- plus,
17 you know, given out; you're still counting that full \$400-
18 in this \$970- right?

19 JOE DOIRON: Yep.

20 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay.

21 JOE DOIRON: Yep.

22 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Just wanted to make sure.

1 JOE DOIRON: Absolutely. And we have, like with
2 John with the reimbursement program, John Frazier with the
3 municipal and county -- you know, more dollars get out the
4 door every day with -- you know, we love getting those
5 reimbursements so, you know, towns and cities, please get
6 them in.

7 You know, our partners with the -- on the
8 Nonprofit Relief Fund, you know, those applications end at
9 the end of this month, and that's exciting. So that's more
10 money out door.

11 And again, after the SELF program closes, that's
12 more money out the door. And, you know, we're working
13 quickly -- early mornings, late nights, weekends. You
14 know, we're -- and we have really, really great partners.

15 As Bill mentioned, you know, DRA -- especially
16 Main Street Relief Fund, the SELF fund. You know, lots to
17 do. Lots still to do, and we're just trying to work
18 diligently and make that happen.

19 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Great. So I think that gets us
20 -- unless there are other questions from members, which we
21 can wait and see, that would get us to any -- Treasury
22 Guidance Update is your last item, right?

1 JOE DOIRON: I'm sorry, Donnalee, could you say
2 that again?

3 DONNALEE LOZEAU: I said unless there are other
4 questions from members, the last thing under your
5 presentation is any Treasury Guidance Update?

6 JOE DOIRON: Yep. Yep. So looking at the board,
7 Donnalee, we don't appear to have any questions. So with
8 that, I guess I'll turn it over to Nancy Smith for a little
9 update on the guidance we received from Treasury.

10 NANCY SMITH: Hello again. It's actually been a
11 fairly busy couple of weeks with new information coming in
12 from Treasury in a number of ways.

13 One significant one is a four-page letter we
14 received on July 2 from the Treasury Inspector General,
15 because under our section of the CARES Act, the Treasury
16 Inspector General was given the responsibility to audit,
17 monitor and conduct recruitment as necessary related to
18 inappropriate use of these CARES Act funds.

19 We received instructions in that letter from the
20 Treasury Inspector General regarding our reporting and
21 record retention requirements.

22 And if the Board would like to have copies of

1 these documents, we're happy to provide them afterwards. I
2 won't get into detail on that first report, which is an
3 intern report. It's due on July 17.

4 So they only gave us, like, 15 days to get this
5 initial report done. But it's at a very high level
6 reporting on money out the door so far in eight different
7 categories.

8 By September, they are going to have a reporting
9 portal, and will have to do detailed quarterly reporting.
10 So we're getting our processes set up to be sure that we
11 have that on the record retention field.

12 This is part of why we have built into --
13 particularly into our agreements where we're giving people
14 money based on anticipated losses. We're building in
15 reporting requirements, because there are requirements that
16 the state maintain and have supporting documentation for
17 the allowability of all of the awards that it makes.

18 The other thing of note on the record retention
19 is the Treasury imposed a five-year record retention
20 requirement, rather than the more normal three-year under
21 the usual Code of Federal Regulations.

22 So that was one significant occurrence. The

1 Treasury Department itself issued updated guidance on June
2 30. In that document, they added I think three paragraphs
3 focused mainly on explaining more about when a cost is
4 incurred.

5 Most significant in that is that they were very
6 clear that either the performance -- and this kind of goes
7 to the part of your discussion about Broadband -- but that
8 the performance or the delivery of the goods or services
9 has to have occurred within the period which is March 1
10 through December 30.

11 There's a little bit of wiggle room based on
12 their addition that if the work was done before the
13 thirtieth, but you don't get the invoice until January, we
14 can still get the invoice paid, as long as the work was
15 performed during the period. So that is the Treasury
16 Department June 30 Guidance Update.

17 There were two updates to the Treasury Frequently
18 Asked Questions since you last met -- at least I think they
19 were since you last met on June 24, and then another one on
20 July 8.

21 The June 24 one added quite a bit of material --
22 that's the one that, as John Frasier mentioned, confirmed

1 that we could make the 25 percent FEMA match.

2 So that was one of the most significant things in
3 the addition to the Frequently Asked Questions; the one on
4 July 8 just answered one question; that was really more
5 related to what state payroll expenses might be allowable.

6 JOE DOIRON: Great. Thank you, Nancy. Any
7 questions? 5*. Again, 5*.

8 [Pause]

9 Great. Well, just double checking the board,
10 Donnalee I think that concludes our program, our
11 presentation on the programs, and items a) through e). So
12 I'd like to turn that over to you, and thank you for
13 allowing us to present.

14 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thank you, everybody. You did
15 a very thorough job. And I think that many of us have been
16 on the website looking, but it's really nice to put some
17 additional context around the work that's being done.

18 I can't imagine how many moving parts you are all
19 trying to keep track of; questions that come up, you know,
20 what needs to be done. And you know, I'm very impressed
21 with the work to date. So thank you again for sharing more
22 information with all of us.

1 The next item on our agenda is Discussion
2 regarding further recommendation. Are there things that
3 New York of the Board members think that we should be
4 discussing? Are there things that the GOFERR staff -- Joe,
5 I'm looking to you -- that you need us to do more work on?
6 Dig a little deeper in something? Any of that kind of work
7 that we could do to assist?

8 I take very seriously that our job is to try to
9 get your office, the information that you need so that you
10 can make the best recommendation possible on the work that
11 you're doing.

12 So I'll open it up to you if you want to respond
13 to that, and open it up, please, to members of the Board
14 who would like to put anything on the table, whether there
15 are gaps in things that we see or are hearing? I think it
16 would be helpful to have a discussion.

17 So Joe, I'll let you respond to that if you'd
18 like, or ask if there are questions of other members.

19 JOE DOIRON: Perfect. Donnalee, thanks so much.
20 I mean, we would really love to hear from Board members
21 too. If you feel as though there's a gap, or something we
22 should look into, you know, that would be really very

1 helpful for us.

2 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay. So are there any Board
3 members that would like to put something on the table for
4 discussion?

5 JOE DOIRON: And Donnalee, we had a hand raised -
6 - a few hands raised; the first from Hollie. Go ahead,
7 Hollie.

8 HOLLIE NOVELETSKY: Thank you so much. I'm on
9 the New Hampshire COVID Alliance Support Team, and that
10 supports the long-term care facilities. And they're
11 anticipating a second surge in the long-term care
12 facilities, come September/October.

13 Is there money set aside, or is it possible to
14 reserve, set aside for the Long-term Care Stabilization
15 Fund, to help maintain staffing come the second possible
16 surge?

17 JOE DOIRON: Hi Hollie, this is Joe. So we're --
18 as I mentioned, you know, there is approximately -- again,
19 the not extended, allocated or committed funds -- \$279,
20 almost \$280 million.

21 You know, we're constantly trying to rework and
22 understand, you know, where our future needs are. So

1 that's definitely something that we're trying to obviously
2 work in the right now, but looking at the horizon as well.

3 And so we are -- that's something definitely to
4 consider. And we certainly hope that there's no second
5 surge. We want to hope for the best, but we need to plan
6 for the future and make sure that, you know, we're ready if
7 something were to -- heaven forbid -- happen.

8 HOLLIE NOVELETSKY: That was my only question.
9 Thank you.

10 JOE DOIRON: Donnalee, we have another -- a
11 question from Michelle. Go ahead, Michelle.

12 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Hi, thank you. Well, I have
13 two questions. My first one is somewhat similar to the one
14 Hollie just asked; not specific to long-term care, but yes,
15 there's a lot of concern that there will be another spike,
16 or our second wave.

17 And so I didn't know, you know, from a policy
18 perspective, is it the plan to try to keep some of these
19 funds until fall in the event that there is something, or
20 is GOFERR looking to identify and sort of extend all of
21 these up front?

22 JOE DOIRON: We are certainly definitely saving

1 some funds for the fall. You know, I think it's important.

2 But also just adding -- you know, we are keeping a
3 watchful eye on Washington D.C., and we hope that, you
4 know, there are certain limitations on these funds. And,
5 you know, we are striving for, you know, 110 percent
6 compliance on programs, but there are gaps.

7 You know, as we mentioned in the beginning, I
8 never thought I would say \$1.25-- is not enough -- \$1.25
9 billion. I think, you know, we mentioned that a few times.
10 And the person who called, there's certainly so much need.

11 So we're keeping an eye on D.C., and we want to
12 balance -- you know, we need to strike a balance between
13 saving for the fall and not having money left on the table
14 December 30, because that just goes back to the federal
15 government. dc

16 So if we do go back and look at other programs,
17 you know, we announced a lot of ups too, you know, on
18 programs. So some programs, you know, don't hit exactly.
19 You know, we're not trying to -- you know, hit a number,
20 but we're budgeting to make sure that our partners have the
21 ability to get the job done.

22 So, you know, there is some -- you know, when we

1 go back through, we are finding some dollars here and there
2 that aren't spent. And what's great is that we just
3 recirculate that back into the not expected, allocated or
4 committed.

5 So, you know, we're just -- we're really trying
6 to strike a balance. You know, and definitely, you know,
7 we'd love to -- you know, hear from Board members on their
8 thoughts. You know, you all have your ears to the ground,
9 and, you know, we really appreciate just any more
10 information that you could provide us.

11 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Well, my --

12 MICHELLE MCEWEN: We don't have a crystal ball
13 either. But -- I mean I -- from the health care sector, we
14 certainly feel that there is going to be a second wave.

15 You know, I'm in a college community, and I'm
16 working very closely with the university about the safe
17 return of students. But that certainly increases our risk
18 substantially. So there is great concern for that.

19 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Michelle, I was just going to
20 add, and Joe that my understanding -- and correct me if I'm
21 wrong, Joe -- is that some of these dollars that are being
22 applied for, also people are asking, as it relates to

1 business continuity being ready for if it happens again
2 either this year or a year from now -- you know, making
3 changes in their facilities or their approach or what their
4 needs might be to be better prepared.

5 Certainly not all of the dollars. And it
6 certainly wouldn't be something for when it happens. For
7 example, the staff costs that you may have to account for
8 in another surge or that type of thing, but other ways of -
9 - you know, Broadband is a great example.

10 The work that's being done there is not only for
11 what's happening right now, but it will shore things up is
12 the goal for should something happen again, and kids need
13 to be pulled out of school, or businesses need -- you know,
14 better bandwidth and that sort of thing.

15 So I think it's a combination of efforts and
16 planning and immediacy.

17 MICHELLE MCEWEN: So my second question had to do
18 with the question here on the agenda about are there gaps?

19 And, you know, as I listen to your report about
20 new programs that are in development -- for example, you
21 know, Internet Crimes Against Children -- you know, it
22 certainly wasn't on our radar. It makes sense, as we've

1 got children at home online more with remote -- you know,
2 they were doing remote learning, now who knows what they're
3 doing.

4 So are you finding that there are businesses or
5 various sectors trying to apply for some of the buckets of
6 grants available now and getting turned down because they
7 don't qualify? I mean, would that be one way to identify
8 if there are some gaps?

9 JOE DOIRON: I'm not sure, I guess, how to best
10 address that question. I would say that we're just trying
11 to be responsive to when we hear of new ideas, ending with
12 the Internet Crimes Against Children.

13 You know, that's a governmental entity where, you
14 know, we heard from stakeholders that, you know, that's an
15 additional need. So just, you know, the goal is to try to
16 be responsive.

17 I know, like the Gap Fund covers a lot of
18 different areas, which we've heard, trying to provide an
19 option, you know, for folks that may need, you know, that
20 option, I guess.

21 And so, we're just -- I guess we're just trying
22 to -- again, balance the needs of acting quickly and, you

1 know, planning for the fall and so there's just so many
2 considerations that go in. So -- and again, we just really
3 appreciate you all's thoughts, as we try to, you know, move
4 along in this process.

5 MICHELLE MCEWEN: Thank you.

6 JOE DOIRON: Donnalee, we have a few more
7 questions. We have Scott with a question. Go ahead,
8 Scott?

9 SCOTT MASON: A couple of questions. It seems to
10 me that the vast majority of the money that we've committed
11 is to pay for the damages already occurred.

12 And with the exception of the Broadband program,
13 and then the program on increasing our ability to deal with
14 the homeless, we haven't really invested much money in
15 areas to help us increase our ability to withstand any
16 future COVID-19 type issues.

17 You know, when we've granted money to businesses,
18 now we do it based on their loss, and then it's up to that
19 business -- and each business is in a different financial
20 situation, whether they need that money to cover losses to
21 keep the doors open, or whether they have the financial
22 where for all (sic) to take that money and invest in their

1 business to harden the business for the future.

2 Would it make sense for us to start, to take
3 testimony again from different people as far as what they
4 need to do to harden their businesses and harden their
5 organizations going forward and look at that testimony
6 before we -- you know, look at how to spend the rest of the
7 money that we have?

8 DONNALEE LOZEAU: I think joe and I are trying to
9 figure out which one of us is supposed to answer that.

10 So I think from my perspective, everything's on
11 the table, Scott. You know, one of the reasons that we're,
12 you know, meeting again today is to try to determine if
13 there are things that we should do like that.

14 I think it might be a little bit early to do it
15 differently, so to speak. I don't know, Joe. I'm not sure
16 that that's the answer that you're looking for, Scott. Or
17 maybe I didn't understand exactly what you were asking?

18 SCOTT MASON: No, I'm not really asking a
19 question. I guess what I'm putting on the table is that
20 through our process, we really did not gather a lot of
21 information from the testimony as far as what needs to
22 happen to harden us -- I guess --

1 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Oh, and I --

2 SCOTT MASON: -- I may be using the wrong word
3 here, but to harden us looking into the future of future
4 issues with COVID-19. Are there other things like
5 expanding our homeless shelters that we need to be doing?
6 You know, have we got to a point where we're okay with the
7 number of ventilators we need? Are we okay with the number
8 of isolation units that we have?

9 All of these things, and look at -- you know, try
10 to look at some of the testimony and stuff like that.

11 What happens with child care? You know, do we
12 have what we need going forward with the child care system,
13 or are there things that we need to be looking at beyond
14 day-to-day survival?

15 DONNALEE LOZEAU: So I think there are a couple
16 of ways to look at that, now that I really think I
17 understand what you're saying is that there are -- as I
18 said earlier when Michelle asked her question -- there are
19 different groups that are doing that as part of this round.

20 Because, you know, in the beginning when we were
21 talking about this, we were talking about there were three
22 components, right? The immediacy, the recovery, and the

1 preparation for the future.

2 So I know for example, as I had mentioned, that
3 different groups -- so let's say for instance the homeless
4 shelters. They are looking at, and have received money,
5 for spacing people better, doing physical changes to their
6 facilities -- both for right now, as well as into the
7 future, when they had -- some of the shelters had to be
8 emptied, because they couldn't accommodate the separation
9 that would keep people safe.

10 I know that some of the child cares, based on the
11 reopening, are looking at how could we have our classrooms
12 be set up differently, so that we could keep children
13 longer, or are able to help if there's a surge again.

14 But I do think that as we move through the summer
15 and these funds are being disbursed, and businesses are
16 catching a breath, that there may be more information that
17 we hear that we can come back to and say, "So, with these
18 funds that haven't been spent, could we look to opening it
19 up for people in that sense?"

20 I don't know if that helps you?

21 SCOTT MASON: That's fine by me. Trust me, I'm
22 not looking for another meeting this week. But I just want

1 to make sure that we don't leave issues on the table that
2 need to be addressed.

3 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Fair enough. Joe, are there
4 questions?

5 JOE DOIRON: Yep. We have a question from Ben.

6 BEN WILCOX: Hi, thanks. Sort of a little bit of
7 a follow-up to what Scott was mentioning. And really my
8 sphere of neighborhood here is a lot to do with hospitality
9 and what we are sort of defining as "the new normal" and
10 people are adapting to opening.

11 And I think everyone has taken sort of a short-
12 term approach to trying to get restaurants open and a lot
13 of hospitality and things, and coming out of a difficult
14 spring.

15 But it kind of follows up onto question that I --
16 all the meetings I've had recently with Chambers is now,
17 "Okay, we've kind of gotten this far, we've had some
18 relief, we've had -- we're all sort of getting by with
19 where we're at at this point."

20 But I think we're -- the planning now is shifting
21 to six to 12 months to seeing new normal protocols for
22 hospitality, restaurants, ski resorts, weddings that are

1 basically drying up and moving to next year functions.

2 And I think the initial work of this group is
3 amazing. And it's really at a critical piece in the
4 recovery, and sort of stopping the bleeding right away
5 there.

6 But I do think there's going to be a longer range
7 impact, and I'm just talking about the areas that are in my
8 world, where many of the things mentioned like health care
9 and child care and all the other areas, I'm sure, are as
10 important.

11 But -- and then I know that we've used a lot of
12 the funds, but just it does seem like we're on about a 12-
13 month road here ahead to continue adapting to the new
14 normal. And that's going to obviously continue -- we're
15 going to continue to hear from people I think soon.

16 And people talking about a resurgence. I think
17 whether there is or not, I think everybody's starting to
18 get to the mode of, "well, this is the world we're going to
19 be in for at least 12 months."

20 So anyway, not a rah-rah speech here by any
21 means, but that's just what I'm hearing, as everybody's
22 trying to now figure out, "Okay, we've gotten this far, how

1 do we get to the next 12 months?" And it may be important
2 for us to reconvene when we hit, say, September, once we
3 get through the summer season and hear how things -- you
4 know, the results of that.

5 And I think that's all I had to say.

6 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thanks, Ben. Joe? Anybody
7 else?

8 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Yep. Donnalee, we have a hand
9 raised from Kathleen. Okay, Kathleen.

10 KATHLEEN REARDON: Thanks, Joe. And thank you
11 for this presentation and all of the work. I think it has
12 helped us better understand some of evolving programs, in
13 addition to the ones that have been announced and really
14 rolled out. And so, I kind of came to the meeting with
15 some questions, which you addressed a bit in terms of those
16 gaps.

17 One of the things that I think about from the
18 gaps from the non-profit -- for example for the non-profit
19 organizations was we do continue to hear from organizations
20 that were not C3 like the Chambers and other organizations,
21 but it sounds like some of those are being worked through,
22 as well as, like, veteran's organizations -- many of which

1 are non-profit, but not C3s.

2 Just continuing on that vein and somewhat
3 piggybacking on what Michelle has said, I think as the
4 grant are announced from the Nonprofit Relief Fund, as well
5 as the Health Care Stabilization and the other doors for
6 non-profits -- the SUDs and others -- there may be other
7 gaps that become clearer. I know that the GOFERR's office
8 was really rolling things out quickly and in quick
9 succession.

10 And so, you know, we were trying to get people to
11 the right place -- you know, like child care organizations,
12 or to go to child care, not to the Nonprofit Relief Fund.
13 And it seems to me that there may need to be some analysis
14 after the first rounds of applications to see if there are
15 other gaps in the social service and non-profit arena --
16 you know, between those programs. So that was one thought
17 about gaps.

18 And then the other thing I think that has been
19 touched upon a couple of times by different folks is
20 related to the future forward-looking impact. And we are
21 challenged by the CARES Act determination that funds must
22 be expended by 12/30. I think that has shortened people's

1 timeframe in thinking about what they need to do, and it's
2 been very much focused on the relief.

3 But it is possible that there may be some other
4 ways that we could build some of that infrastructure -- you
5 know, like the housing groups have done, or the Housing
6 Stabilization Fund has done. So I just wanted to echo what
7 other people have said in that area.

8 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thanks, Kathleen. You know,
9 Joe, that point's come up a couple of times about
10 applications. So if you -- somebody denied and were
11 denied, or, you know, they can't seem to fit in any one of
12 the categories, I know that I can't even imagine how you'd
13 all have time to take a look at some of those.

14 But if there's a way to identify some of those
15 things, which I think, frankly, from what I can see by the
16 programs in the works, one of the things that you're trying
17 to respond to -- the SELF program is a perfect example of
18 that.

19 But it may be worthwhile to see if there's a way
20 that we can figure some of that out, rather than
21 anecdotally for those of us that are hearing from people
22 that don't feel like they fit in a bucket.

1 But, you know, maybe we can give some thought to
2 that over the next several weeks, to determine if there's
3 anything else that would help indicate what those gaps
4 might be.

5 JOE DOIRON: Donnalee, that would be great. I
6 mean, we're trying to be -- we're trying to take, there's
7 so much information coming in, and we're just trying to --
8 you know, and we'd appreciate -- you know, the Board's
9 thoughts, you know, when you hear those stories and those
10 cases, we have developed really good partnership.

11 You know, I know DRA has been working so
12 diligently on the appeals process -- the Main Street Relief
13 Fund, you know, working with folks. I know the SELF
14 program -- you know, we responded to some folks who, you
15 know, wanted to see some tweaks. So, you know, we
16 responded to that.

17 You know, the Gap Fund is being created to help
18 address, you know, those kind of -- well, frankly those
19 gaps. And, you know, if Board members have an idea, you
20 know, feel free to reach out, because, you know, we only
21 know if there's a problem by having someone reach out.

22 So -- and we try to be as responsive as possible

1 -- like I mentioned, to the web inquiry and the e-mails
2 that we have set up.

3 So we're public and out there, so, you know, we
4 definitely would like to hear if there are gaps, and we'll
5 work to address them.

6 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thanks. That sounds great. If
7 there's a role that you think we could play, aside from the
8 one that you've just described, if something comes up, by
9 all means let me know.

10 Okay, who else might be signed up to say
11 something? Anybody else?

12 JOE DOIRON: We have a hand raised from Bill. Go
13 ahead, Bill.

14 BILL ARDINGER: Thank you very much. And I
15 think, you know, these comments are really good. You know,
16 as I said before to this group, you know, I've had the
17 pleasure of working with the Business Finance Authority and
18 continue to do that. James Key-Wallace, the Executive
19 Director of the BFA is working on identify the gap
20 recipients among them.

21 These include things like venues, whether it's --
22 you know, Minor League Baseball in Manchester, Capitol

1 Center for the Arts -- these larger organizations that may
2 not have qualified for gap funds, I mean for the Main
3 Street Program or the Non-profit Program that exists.

4 I think that James Key-Wallace may be someone,
5 Donnalee, at some point -- I know I think he may be
6 presenting to the LAB group on what he's seeing as possible
7 gap areas, but I think that's important. And he is moving
8 ahead.

9 And, you know, to some of the concerns about
10 building capacity, the CARES Act guidance now clarifies
11 that -- you know, loans can be made. You know, if they're
12 paid in the future, they have to be returned to the federal
13 government.

14 I think loans provide an avenue to really
15 establish very preferential, you know, terms for businesses
16 that need it, and allow some flexibility to extend the
17 period where the borrower is using those funds to build
18 what Scott has called -- you know, capacity to deal with
19 future challenges of a second COVID crisis. I think that's
20 very important.

21 I would just like to emphasize again that I think
22 housing -- and I know we've got Dean on the phone --

1 housing is absolutely critical in what, you know, people
2 are beginning to perceive is going to be a continuing
3 adverse impact on our state, and it's most (02:07:02 audio
4 unclear) citizen over the next, you know, period of years,
5 frankly.

6 And anything we can do to strengthen our homeless
7 -- you know, capacity to provide homeless -- you know,
8 shelter for citizens who, you know, are evicted from their
9 current housing arrangement or otherwise don't have access
10 to housing arrangements, is vital.

11 And Joe, I think that means, you know,
12 strengthening not just the housing shelters themselves.

13 And I think the CARES Act, you know, as long as
14 we're really focusing on building capacity to address
15 housing needs in, you know, in the transformed way that
16 COVID requires, like a little bit more isolation capacity,
17 independence capacity: We have to focus these additional -
18 - the remaining resources I think on housing using
19 expertise like Dean's organization, and expertise like New
20 Hampshire Legal Assistance.

21 We've got to get focus on that. Because
22 otherwise I think we're going to be -- you know, caught,

1 you know, in situations like with Michelle's industry, and
2 area hospitals. We've got to have capacity ready for the
3 second wave, and continuing adverse impacts.

4 So that's -- I'm thinking that, you know, as one
5 member -- I think, you know, to Scott's point, let's build
6 to capacity in those areas so our system, you know, can
7 receive the necessary services when they need to receive
8 it. Thank you.

9 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thanks, Bill. Joe? Any other
10 members?

11 JOE DOIRON: Hi Donnalee, we have a hand raised
12 from Scott. Go ahead, Scott.

13 SCOTT MASON: I would just like to bring back up
14 something Bill said much earlier in the meeting today. And
15 he did it much better than I possibly can.

16 But I would like to thank the members of GOFERR
17 for their hard work here. It is absolutely amazing what
18 you folks have been able to do in such a short period of
19 time and get so much money out to citizens and businesses
20 in the state of New Hampshire.

21 And you've done it -- I think you've done just an
22 incredible job. And I personally would like to thank the

1 work that you folks have done.

2 On a minor point, going back to some of the
3 groups, do you know whether or not if a company identified
4 their business structure as a coop, did that kick them out?
5 Were coops able to participate in Main Street?

6 JOE DOIRON: So Scott, I'd have to look at the
7 recipients, but there was no function on there to identify
8 themselves as coops.

9 SCOTT MASON: Okay.

10 JOE DOIRON: The menu of questions included, "Are
11 you a for-profit business?" you know, you know I'm trying
12 to go through the items. Have you heard any issue?

13 But again, and real fast thank you for your kind
14 words, and really appreciate that. We'll communicate that
15 to the whole team here. But I'm looking at our -- to Shawn
16 on the Main Street Relief Fund, and I'm not sure if we've
17 gotten that question yet.

18 SHAWN THOMAS: I apologize. I have not had any
19 complaints from anybody on coops. I was just thinking
20 through different structures, and wondering whether or not
21 if those were able to -- you know, receive funding or not.
22 I will check with a couple and get back in touch with you

1 if there's any issues that I find.

2 JOE DOIRON: Great. And I guess, you know, the
3 initial test I guess is, you know, if they are for-profit,
4 then they should be in I would say good shape.

5 A lot of folks have been notified on the Main
6 Street. And by "a lot of folks" I mean almost everybody
7 has been notified regarding the Main Street Relief Fund.

8 DRA is working with a few businesses on the
9 appeals process, and that is only taking a little while
10 just because, you know, if people are e-mailing documents
11 back and forth and what not, recognizing the holiday
12 weekend and what not.

13 So the appeals process closed July 2. And I know
14 we just have a few more businesses that are going through
15 that process now. So we're hoping and anticipating the
16 Main Street Relief numbers to go up, which is great.

17 SCOTT MASON: Thank you.

18 JOE DOIRON: Thank you, and thank you again for
19 your kind words, sir. Appreciate it.

20 Donnalee, it appears -- again, 5*, but the Board
21 is not showing any further hands raised.

22 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay, great. Thank you, Joe.

1 Appreciate the discussion we're having. Is there any other
2 business that members would like to raise?

3 [Pause]

4 Okay. I think you would say something, Joe, if
5 there was something [Laughter].

6 JOE DOIRON: The board isn't showing any hands
7 raised.

8 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Okay. So the next item on our
9 agenda is the next meeting date, to be determined. Based
10 on the conversation today, we have a couple of ideas of
11 something that might make sense, maybe in early August for
12 us to touch base again, unless something comes up sooner.

13 But it might be a good idea to have somebody like
14 DFA or DRA or New Hampshire Charitable or Kathleen Sharp,
15 the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits -- maybe talk to us
16 a little bit about, you know, how things have played out
17 from their perspective.

18 I think I'll maybe connect with you, Joe, we can
19 maybe talk that through and see if there's something that
20 makes sense that we might be able to help with to hear from
21 them.

22 JOE DOIRON: Great.

1 DONNALEE LOZEAU: So other than that, you know,
2 any of the members please feel free to e-mail myself or Joe
3 if something comes up that you think we should be aware of
4 or put on a meeting agenda. And we'll look at whether it
5 makes sense to connect in early August.

6 Other than that, I'm not sure that there's any
7 other business to come before us today. Anybody? Going
8 once? Twice? All right. With that, we'll call the
9 meeting adjourned. Thank you everybody.

10 And again, we appreciate all your time from the
11 GOFERR office. I know you have a lot on your plate.

12 COLLECTIVE: Thank you.

13 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thanks, everybody. Thank you
14 all. Have a good summer.

15 [End of Proceedings]