



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 7, 2020

Lori Shibinette
Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, and 2020-15 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

1. Accept and expend a Crisis Counseling grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety (DOS) in the amount of \$22,715, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through September 30, 2020. (100% Agency Income)

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
Robert Quinn, Commissioner, Department of Safety



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04
AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14 and 2020-15

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security to accept and expend an additional \$22,715 from the NH Department of Safety for Crisis Counseling, effective upon approval by the Governor through September 27, 2020, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Other Funds.

**05-95-095-950010-7178 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS,
HHS:OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER;EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

Class- Account	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
Revenue				
000-403900	Federal Funds	\$ 113,625.00		\$ 113,625.00
001-484999	Agency Income	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
001-484923	Agency Income	\$ 98,209.00	22,715.00	\$ 120,924.00
001-484995	Agency Income	\$ 17,740.00		\$ 17,740.00
009-407079	Other Funds	\$ 164,854.00		\$ 164,854.00
	General Funds	\$ 251,197.00		\$ 251,197.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 675,625.00	\$ 22,715.00	\$ 698,340.00

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Class- Account	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
Expenses				
010-500100	Personal Serv Perm	\$ 76,928.00	1,800.00	\$ 78,728.00
012-500128	Person Serv Unclass	\$ 167,625.00		\$ 167,625.00
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 78,459.00	2,891.00	\$ 81,350.00
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other	\$ 560.00		\$ 560.00
039-500188	Telecommunication	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 286.00		\$ 286.00
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 91,592.00		\$ 91,592.00
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 173,158.00	246.00	\$ 173,404.00
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
070-500704	In State Travel	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
102-500731	Contracts for Prog Serv	\$ 61,017.00	17,778.00	\$ 78,795.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 675,625.00	\$ 22,715.00	\$ 698,340.00

EXPLANATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program under the Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program (ISP) provides crisis counseling services to the survivors of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") for which the President declared a major disaster on April 3, 2020. This declaration, designated FEMA-4516-DR-NH, was amended on April 30, 2020 to authorize the Crisis Counseling Program.

This request will fund the ISP in New Hampshire, which is designed to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the effects of natural and human-caused disasters through the provision of community-based outreach. The ISP supports short-term interventions, providing emotional support and encouraging linkages with other individuals and agencies who may help survivors in their recovery process.

In order to maintain current efforts, the State plans to contract with Granite United Way as our partner to answer crisis calls and warm transfer to DBHRT full-time staff, and/or the SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline. These services will be provided using the 211 system as a conduit for callers to connect with crisis counselors. The crisis counseling will be conducted as outreach services which will be provided telephonically to workers under stress caused by the COVID-19 crisis. The NH 211 system already employs this facilitation model to connect callers seeking assistance with opioid or other substance use disorder treatment to the Doorway-NH Program which has doorways to treatment located throughout the State of New Hampshire. This crisis counseling initiative will serve as virtual a psychological first aid station for our callers. If we are unable to meet the immediate needs of the callers, we will assist them in connecting to the expanded capacity created within the State's Community Mental Health Center network by the NH Rapid Response grant, the National Suicide

Prevention Lifeline, SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline, the Veteran and First Responder Healthcare COVID-19 effort, and others. Outreach to the community of healthcare workers, first responders and funeral service workers will take the form of increased media, social media and web presence. These services will be provided by Granite United Way as our partner agency under contract with the State.

Additionally, under their auspices, care packages will be assembled and disseminated to the front line workers which will contain information on self-care, a brochure about crisis counseling services, and a take-away with logo and call line information. The State has a current system of distribution for PPE to first responders, healthcare providers and funeral service workers. We plan to utilize this well-choreographed effort as a delivery system for our care packages. When facilities arrive to retrieve their PPE, they will be provided with a supply of care packages for dispersal within their facility or network. We will distribute our care packages with advance request to the locations that they place the bags in areas such as day rooms and break rooms where staff might be drawn to them. Granite State Healthcare Coalition and the regional Public Health Networks will assist with the dissemination and delivery of these materials to our target population. The staffing structure will be as follows: Granite United Way (GUW) will provide staffing and oversight for the marketing activities as well as coordination with 211 for connection

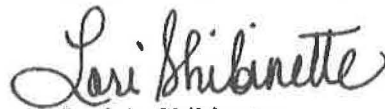
There are no General Funds in this request.

In the event that Other Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Other

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner