

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

August 18, 2020

Gerald Little Director Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery 100 North Main Street, Suite 100 Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Little,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, and 2020-16 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

 Authority to enter into a grant agreement with Health Strategies of New Hampshire, Inc., Concord, NH, vendor # 331253, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Endowment for Health, Inc., in the amount of \$625,000 to support individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) by: conducting outreach to SUD patients with regard to the availability of services and supports during the pandemic; developing and enhancing public health networks and community action plans to assist SUD patients; and expanding the availability of harm reduction services in New Hampshire. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)

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

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services

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FY 2021 \$625,000

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, NH 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, AND 2020-14, 2020-15, AND 2020-16

Dear Governor Sununu:

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to enter into a grant agreement with Health Strategies of New Hampshire, Inc., Concord, NH, vendor # 331253, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Endowment for Health, Inc., in the amount of \$625,000 to support individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) by: conducting outreach to SUD patients with regard to the availability of services and supports during the pandemic; developing and enhancing public health networks and community action plans to assist SUD patients; and expanding the availability of harm reduction services in New Hampshire, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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

072-500575 - Grants Federal

## EXPLANATION

The Governor has authorized the allocation of \$625,000 from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") toward assistance for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) by directing the funds to: increasing outreach to SUD patients regarding available support; enhancing the public health networks and community-based organizations that assist SUD patients; and providing for greater availability of harm reduction services.

Health Strategies of New Hampshire, Inc. ("HSNH") will use the CARES Act grant funds to identify and distribute funds to organizations that can provide the above-referenced services. Specifically, HSNH will use \$100,000 of the grant funds to provide for enhanced outreach to alert individuals with SUD that may have been isolated or otherwise impacted by COVID-19 to available treatment and support options.

HSNH will use \$325,000 of the grant funds for the creation or optimization of regional action plans and public health networks that identify assets and gaps related to COVID-19's impact on SUD services during the pandemic. HSNH will use the remaining \$200,000 of grant funds to increase the availability of harm reduction services in New Hampshire. Harm reduction services use interventions and policies that are designed to aid individuals with SUD in a targeted, patient and community-specific manner.

1 Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 Website: http://www.goferr.nh.gov/ \* Email: info@goferrnh.gov TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 The sub-grantees selected by HSNH shall use the funding only to address CARES Act allowable costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H. Little Director, GOFERR

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