



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 25, 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:

1. Authority to transfer up to \$30,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of State (NHSOS) to support the implementation of accessible absentee voting for voters with print disabilities. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize NHSOS to accept and expend up to \$30,000 from the GOFERR to support the implementation of accessible absentee voting for voters with print disabilities. 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,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
William Gardner, Secretary of State, Department of State



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

August 25, 2020

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

**REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER
2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2010-10, 2020-14,
2020-15, AND 2020-16**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer up to \$30,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of State (NHSOS) to support the implementation of accessible absentee voting for voters with print disabilities, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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

085-588532 - Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds FY 2021
\$30,000

2. Contingent on approval of action item #1, authorize the NHSOS to accept and expend up to \$30,000 from the GOFERR to support implementation of accessible absentee voting for voters with print disabilities. This appropriation will be budgeted as allocated below effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2021 as follows:

01-32-032-320510-19320000 – CARES - GOFERR		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>
038 – TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	500177	\$ 30,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 30,000
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>		
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$ 30,000
	TOTAL FUNDS:	\$ 30,000

3. Contingent on approval of action item #2, NHSOS will use these funds for a contract with VOTINGWORKS, 135 Main Street, Floor 20, San Francisco, CA 94105, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

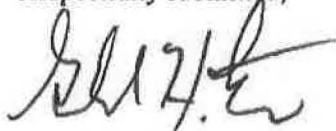
The New Hampshire Department of State (NHSOS) will enter into a contract with VOTINGWORKS to provide voters with a print disability access to a system which will allow the voter with a print disability to access an electronic absentee ballot, mark that ballot using the voter's computer, and print the marked ballot. The system will provide electronic access to other required forms and instructions for absentee voting, which can be completed by the voter using a computer. Clerks will mail the voter envelopes to use to return the printed marked absentee ballot and completed absentee voting affidavit to the clerk.

Voting processes and facilities must be accessible to voters with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The evolution of technology makes systems available for delivering an electronic absentee ballot to a voter who has certified that he or she has a print disability and cannot privately and independently mark a paper absentee ballot by hand. Such a voter will be able to use a computer to mark his or her choices on the ballot with technology that does not transmit those choices over the internet, and then print the marked ballot and return it to the clerk in the same manner as other absentee voters. The system will allow voters with a print disability to complete an electronic absentee ballot affidavit, sign the affidavit with a computer, print the signed affidavit, and return it with the marked absentee ballot.

Voters with disabilities who vote in person at a polling place are provided with the one4all tablet based assistive technology which allows a voter with disabilities to privately and independently mark a paper ballot. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, voters with disabilities indicate some do not want to risk exposure to COVID-19 by voting in person at a polling place. Implementation of this technology in New Hampshire will afford such voters with a disability with the same opportunity to vote privately and independently from a computer at their home or location of their choice, as they have at the polling place.

All CARES Act funds must be spent by the recipients before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald Little
Director, GOFERR