



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

September 11, 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, 2020-16 and 2020-17 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 \$3,500,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$3,500,000 from the GOFERR to support The New Hampshire Invest in the Future: Empowering Youth Program. 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 "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

September 10, 2020

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

REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04 AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, AND 2020-17

Dear Governor Sununu,

- 1. The Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$3,500,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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

082-588595 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds FY2021 \$3,500,000

- 2. Contingent upon approval of Action Item #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$3,500,000 from the GOFERR to support The New Hampshire Invest in the Future: Empowering Youth Program effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

Table with 3 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, BUDGET REQUEST. Rows include CHILD CARE - GOFERR FUNDS, 102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES, SOURCE OF FUNDS, and 00D - Transfer of Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will distribute \$3.5 million in emergency funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund for the Empowering Youth Program, which will allow the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to fund summer and fall youth programming as part of the State's Invest in the Future Fund. COVID-19 has severely limited summer and fall programming available to middle and high school aged youth. After months of remote learning, older youth may be experiencing negative effects of social isolation, including, but not limited to: increased anxiety, engaging in substance abuse, or being subjected to child maltreatment. Some high school students, may decide to not return this fall to in-school instruction. During this time of social distancing and limited out of home options, adolescent youth and their families will benefit immensely from structured activities outside of the home.

Empowering Youth Program funding is available for youth summer and fall programs. The summer programs may choose to transform to afterschool, out of school, or weekend programs once the school year resumes. Enabling programs that have the ability to extend beyond the traditional summer break will promote the creation of opportunities that will serve as a bridge for students as they transition back to school. This will also support providers to explore alternative community-based programs, which will be beneficial, as schools contemplate operations during the 2020-21 school year.


The Empowering Youth Program is designed to benefit middle and high school aged youth. The program will focus on providers who will either expand current programs to middle and high school students or initiate new program opportunities for these age groups. Similarly, providers may access program resources to fund adolescent youth counselor positions within existing programs for younger children, giving teenagers the opportunity to develop leadership and mentoring skills.

Funding is available to New Hampshire non-profit and for-profit summer and school year youth programs who serve middle and high school youths, with an emphasis on youth who may be considered vulnerable and youth and children involved with the Division of Children, Youth and Families. Programs who offer activities that involve gang-violence prevention, substance-misuse prevention, youth empowerment, dropout prevention, and safe havens will be encouraged to apply.

These funds will be awarded and administered by DHHS, using the existing Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program structure to ensure quick and efficient distribution while maintaining appropriate accountability and equity.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Doiron
Deputy Director, GOFERR