



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

September 11, 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, 2020-15, 2020-16 and 2020-17 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Accept and expend funds from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Responses (ASPR), entitled New Hampshire's Hospital Preparedness (HPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,231,221, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective **retroactive** from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (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 "Clitch T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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September 8, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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 Concord, New Hampshire 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, 2020-14, 2020-15 AND
 2020-16**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to retroactively accept and expend funds from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), entitled New Hampshire's Hospital Preparedness (HPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,231,221 effective July 1, 2020 upon your approval through June 30, 2021, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

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SFY2021 Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-4006842	Federal Funds	\$ 1,911,705	\$ 1,231,221	\$ 3,142,926
	General Funds	\$ -		\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ 1,911,705	\$ 1,231,221	\$ 3,142,926
Expense				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$ 170,372	\$ -	\$ 170,372
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
030-500302	Office Equip & Furn (Replace)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 5,500
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 1,750
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,231	\$ 2,702
042-500620	Post Retirements Benefits	\$ 17,770	\$ -	\$ 17,770
046-500464	Consultants	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 91,187	\$ -	\$ 91,187
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500
070-500704	In State Travel Reimb	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel Reimb	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 1,566,155	\$ 1,229,990	\$ 2,796,145
Total Expense:		\$ 1,911,705	\$ 1,231,221	\$ 3,142,926

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept the additional grant funds available for SFY 2021 to administer the New Hampshire Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These supplemental HPP funds will support hospitals, long-term care facilities, emergency medical services providers and other related health care entities to increase access to infection prevention equipment and supplies; increase the state's cache of ventilators; and support health agencies' readiness for vaccination of their staff.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 041 The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside.
Class 102 The funds will be used to pay for contracts.

In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?" the Division offers the following information: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds as they are specifically granted to the State for the purpose of providing the services described above.

These funds will not change the program eligibility levels. No new program will be established with the acceptance of these funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. (ASPR). The notice of supplemental funds awarded was received May 22, 2020. They were not added to the operating budget because these are new funds recently granted to the State to assist in the public health Coronavirus response and were not anticipated at the time the budget was developed.

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner