



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

October 12, 2020

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

Dear Director Caswell,

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, 2020-17, 2020-18, and 2020-20 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 \$700,000 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 \$700,000 from the GOFERR for the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services to enter into a sole source agreement with Unite USA, Inc. 65 North Moore Street Floor 2, New York, NY, 10013, Vendor # 334953 for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide closed-loop referral system for individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). 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
Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 7, 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, 2020-17, AND 2020-18**

Dear Governor Sununu:

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$700,000 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 01-02-02-020210 – Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 – Office of the Director, as follows:

	<u>FY2021</u>
085-588595 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds	\$700,000

2. Contingent upon approval of Action Item #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$700,000 from the GOFERR for the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services to enter into a sole source agreement with Unite USA, Inc. 65 North Moore Street Floor 2, New York, NY, 10013, Vendor # 334953 for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide closed-loop referral system for individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD), effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

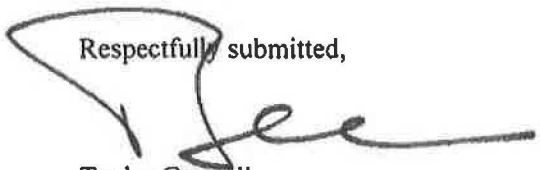
Funds will be budgeted as follows:

05-95-92-920510-19310000 BDAS GOFERR FUNDS		
CLASS	ACCOUNT	BUDGET REQUEST
103 – CONTRACTS FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICES	502507	\$ 700,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 700,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$ 700,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 700,000

EXPLANATION

DHHS will enter into a \$700,000 sole-source contract with Unite USA, Inc. of New York, NY to develop, operationalize, and maintain a statewide closed-loop referral system for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). A closed-loop referral system allows a patient's entire network of care providers to see what services the individual is receiving (or not receiving) and access provider availability. The system permits the real-time identification of gaps, barriers, and assets. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New Hampshire's need for such a system has increased significantly, because pandemic response efforts often encourage isolation, which can be detrimental to those with SUD, and has resulted in limited provider availability and restricted access to other services, such as peer-to-peer support groups. Individuals with SUD often have complex cases, rely on multiple providers, and may not have easy access to the internet to connect to remote treatment/support options. A closed-loop system allows providers to identify areas in which a patient may not be receiving necessary care, and assist the patient in the pursuit of such services or alternatives. The closed-loop system will be operational prior to December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell
Director, GOFERR