

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

October 13, 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 \$4,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Special Education Provider Fund. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
- 2. Authorize the NHDOE to accept and expend \$4,000,000.00 from the GOFERR to support the Special Education Provider Fund. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Transfer of Federal Funds)
- 3. Authorize the NHDOE to enter into grant agreements for a total amount not to exceed \$3,945,000 to grant funds to providers in support of students with disabilities, including grant administration activities. Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Transfer of 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 Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *for for for*

October 9, 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, 2010-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17 AND 2020-18 AND SUSPEND THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES 150, V., A., 5 REQUIREMENT

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$4,000,000.00 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Special Education Provider Fund 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:

085-588556 - Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds

<u>FY 2021</u> \$4,000,000.00

 Contingent on approval of action item #1, authorize the NHDOE to accept and expend \$4,000,000.00 from the GOFERR to support the Special Education Provider Fund. These appropriations will be budgeted as allocated below effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2021 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-19480000 SPEC ED PROVIDER-GOFERR COVID		
CLASS	ACCOUNT	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>REQUEST</u>
029 – Intra-Agency Transfers	500290	\$ 15,000.00
072 – Grants-Federal	502627	\$3,945,000.00
102 – Contracts for Program Services	500731	\$ 40,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,000,000.00
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$4,000,000.00
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$4,000,000.00

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 His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu September 22, 2020 Page 2 of 2

3. Contingent on approval of action item #2, authorize the NHDOE to enter into grant agreements and contracts with various vendors, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,985,000 to grant funds to providers in support of students with disabilities, including grant administration activities, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Bureau of Student Support works with Approved Private Providers of Special Education in the state to support students with disabilities within the state who have some of the most intensive needs. These providers are approved to provide intensive support to students in either a residential or day setting. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these providers have struggled to provide services remotely, in person and in homes while incurring large expenses for PPE and extra cleaning supplies. The nature of the student disabilities and support services provided requires, in many cases, enhanced PPE well beyond a typical instructional setting. They have developed some of the most innovative and thoughtful plans for these students to ensure they are still provided with the services they need. Public schools across the state rely on these facilities to provide these unique intensive supports to students when options within the typical public school setting have been found to be unsuccessful. This funding will support these providers as the state continues to respond to the effects of the pandemic.

Funds for the Intra-Agency Transfers are to support compliance and monitoring activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell Director, GOFERR