



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

October 14, 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 make payments eligible recipients for the Live Venue Relief Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, to cover eligible COVID-19 related lost revenue incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. 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



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

## EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 14, 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**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to make payments eligible recipients for the Live Venue Relief Program to cover eligible COVID-19 related lost revenue incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. Effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for these payments are available in 01-02-002-020210 – 19110000 – Office of the Director, as follows:

072 – 500575 – Grants Federal

FY 2021  
\$12,000,000

### Explanation

The Governor has authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$12 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds for the Live Venue Relief Program to target NH Live performance venues that have been hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many live shows and sports have been postponed or cancelled although some live performances have been able to provide entertainment, they are doing so with fewer shows and limited capacity to maintain social distancing in comparison to the usually large groups of people gathering shoulder to shoulder. New Hampshire's live performance venues are struggling with little to no revenue while facing the heavy expenses of owning a live performance venue.

The Live Venue Relief Program supports performance venues facing revenue loss from COVID-19, provided they are a primarily engaged in hosting live theatrical presentations, musical entertainment, and/or sporting or racing events that are seated, ticketed and open to the public. The program is open to both for-profit and nonprofit facilities meeting these criteria.

The program funding will be shared among eligible live performance venues using a pro-rata formula based on revenue losses, adjusted for other COVID-19 relief funds received from state and federal sources.

The application period is from October 5, 2020 – October 13, 2020.

All losses covered by CARES Act Funds must be incurred by the recipients before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. English". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being more prominent.

Lisa M. English  
Deputy Director, GOFERR