



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

November 24, 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, 2020-20, 2020-21, and 2020-23 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authority for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to use \$110,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the existing COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), to provide emergency relief to Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc., an essential component of the State's healthcare system during COVID-19, to prevent their failure due to decreased revenue and fund-raising resulting from COVID-19, effective upon approval through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into a direct beneficiary grant agreement with Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. using CARES Act funding from the EHSRF without further approval 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

November 24, 2020

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

**REQUESTED ACTION PURSUANT TO 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**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to use \$110,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding from the existing COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), to provide emergency relief to Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc., an essential component of the State's healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prevent their failure due to decreased revenue and fund-raising resulting from COVID-19, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

<b>02-02-002-020210-19200000 HEALTHCARE RELIEF FUND- COVID19</b>		
<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET REQUEST</u></b>
072-GRANTS FEDERAL	500575	\$ 110,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 110,000</b>

2. Contingent on approval of item #1, authorize GOFERR to enter into a direct beneficiary grant agreement with Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. using the CARES CRF funding from the EHSRF without further approval. 100% Federal Funds.

#### **EXPLANATION**

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, on March 19, 2020, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #9, which established the COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF). The order created a \$50 million fund to provide emergency relief to hospitals and other health care providers that are serving as an essential component of the State's healthcare system during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

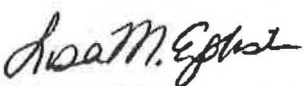
On May 18, 2020, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #44, which amended Emergency Order # 9 by increasing the amount authorized for the EHSRF to disburse up to a total of \$100 million, provided that \$30 million be allocated to long-term care facilities due to the acute need within those facilities, and provided that the payments from the Fund shall be an obligation of GOFERR from CARES Act Funding to the maximum extent allowable.

On July 27, 2020, the Governor issued a fiscal authorization letter, which approved disbursement of the additional \$50,000,000 allocated by Emergency Order #44 to GOFERR.

Since then, GOFERR has solicited applications for additional rounds of EHSRF funding. Although Mascoma applied for and received funding in the initial round of EHSRF funding as a loan that has now been forgiven and received an additional award based on the formula applied to losses in the third round of EHSRF, they are still at risk of closure or needing to significantly reduce services during a time when there is a heavy surge in COVID-19 cases and maintaining access to healthcare is critical. The Legislative Advisory Board has worked with Mascoma to identify their financial challenges and has requested that this one-time additional grant be made to cover the shortfall that will occur prior to December 30, 2020. The Legislative Advisory Board recommendation is attached, along with the completed grant agreement for this one-time grant.

All CARES Act funds must be for allowable losses incurred before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa English  
Deputy Director, GOFERR