



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

December 7, 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 make payments to eligible recipients identified by the COVID-19 Equity Response Team to support the COVID-19 specific needs of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in New Hampshire, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000, for expenses incurred during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into grant agreements for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 to grant funds to eligible recipients identified by the COVID-19 Equity Response Team to support the COVID-19 specific needs of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in New Hampshire. 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



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for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21 AND 2020-23

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to make payments to eligible recipients identified by the COVID-19 Equity Response Team to support the COVID-19 specific needs of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in New Hampshire, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000, for expenses incurred during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for these grant payments are available in 01-02-002-020210 – Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 – Office of the Director, as follows:

	<u>FY 2021</u>
072 – 500575 – Grants Federal	\$500,000

2. Contingent on approval of action item #1, authorize the GOFERR to enter into grant agreements for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 to grant funds to the eligible recipients identified by the COVID-19 Equity Response Team to support the COVID-19 specific needs of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in New Hampshire, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Explanation

The Governor has authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$500,000 to eligible recipients identified by the COVID-19 Equity Response Team, which was created to develop a recommended strategy to address the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic on minority business and populations and to oversee the implementation of the recommended plan.

In the initial report, the Equity Response Team called in part for funding local organizations that support black, brown, and immigrant communities. This fund is specifically designed to support the COVID-19 specific needs of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in New Hampshire. This could include grants to local organizations that communicate and facilitate COVID-related opportunities

to communities of color and may include but are not limited to: refugee resettlement organizations, ESL services, inner-city business coalitions and community based covid-19 testing services.

The Equity Response Team has publicized an application process and will review and make the decisions on which applicants qualify for awards and the amounts. The GOFERR will then complete an appropriate award agreement with the recipients and disburse the funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa M. English".

Lisa English
Deputy Director, GOFERR