



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

December 9, 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 am **amending** my October 29, 2020 authorization of 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) requests authority to transfer \$10,000,000 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 **amended request** in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$10,000,000 from the GOFERR to support New Hampshire Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP). Budgeted consistent with the information in the **amended 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

December 8, 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-
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Dear Governor Sununu,

The Department(s) of Health and Human Services and Education developed a three part plan to support urgent child care needs now, while simultaneously looking to the future as part of a holistic early care and education system: Phase One – Emergency Response, Phase Two – Stabilization and Recovery, and Phase Three - Build It Back – Better (BBB). The Department of Health and Human Services is distributing \$35 million in emergency funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to support and stabilize the child care industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the plan approved by GOFERR, the following areas were identified for funding:

1. Promoting health and safety, including training and technical assistance in the areas of infectious disease, early childhood mental and behavioral health, and family support; assistance with compliance with CDC guidelines and NH public health response efforts; and funding for cleaning supplies, PPE and increased staff to meet health and safety guidelines
2. Ensuring financial stability, including specific targeted stabilization/retention grants for the childcare industry and family resource centers during the pandemic to cover the costs of smaller ratios, group sizes, labor flexibility (due to anticipated absences), and health costs (from screening to prevention to sanitation to treatment).
3. Supporting infrastructure and coordination of statewide efforts with local/regional hubs, including connecting programs with one another and public schools, such as 21st Century Community Learning Center programs, to meet community needs.

Funds were allocated to eligible child care providers via a completed application. To be eligible for the supplemental payment, the child care provider must clearly demonstrate:

- o Loss of income due to COVID-19; and/or
- o Increase of expenses due to COVID-19 between March 1 and December 30, 2020.

In addition to the above scope, DHHS requests authority to use existing funds to support the following aspects of the program.

- Payment of full day child care for school-aged children who would normally be in school full day.
- Payment for absenteeism due to Covid-19 related program closures.
- Purchase of training modules to assist providers with the mitigation of the negative impacts of trauma, which COVID-19 has directly and indirectly increased.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa English
Deputy Director, GOFERR