



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

December 16, 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, 2020-23, and 2020-24 I have **amended** my approval your written request dated August 26, 2020, 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 **amend** the Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programming Support Program, by transferring an additional \$5,500 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), increasing the originally approved grant amount of \$470,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$475,500, to support additional grants. Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for DHHS to accept and expend an additional \$5,500 from GOFERR to support additional grants through the Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programming Support program. Budgeted consistent with 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
Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services



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for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

December 15, 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, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, AND 2020-24**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to amend the approved item authorizing the transfer of an additional \$5,500 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support additional grants through the Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programing Support program, increasing the originally approved amount of \$470,000, to a total amount not to exceed \$475,500, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds

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

085-588542 - Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds	<u>FY 2021</u> \$5,500
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2. Contingent on action item #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend an additional \$5,500 from the GOFERR to support additional grants through the Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programing Support program. This additional appropriation will be budgeted as allocated below effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2021 as follows:

05-95-42-421010-19230000 FOSTER/RELATIVE CAREGIVER – GOFERR FUNDS	FY 2021 Current Modified Budget	Requested Change	FY 2021 Revised Budget
CLASS - ACCOUNT			
102-500731 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	\$470,000	\$5,500	\$475,500
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$470,000	\$5,500	\$475,500
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
00D-488502 – Transfer of Federal Funds	\$470,000	\$5,500	\$475,500
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$470,000	\$5,500	\$475,500

EXPLANATION

On August 26, 2020, the Governor authorized the allocation and expenditures of \$470,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to distribute in emergency funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programing Support.

This request allocates an additional \$5,500 for DHHS to accept and expend to provide Foster/Relative Caregiver support due to additional qualified grant applications.

COVID-19 has limited the summer programing available to children and youth placed in relative and foster care through DCYF. Foster and relative caregivers would greatly benefit from the opportunity for respite as they have had increased responsibilities placed upon them as a result of COVID-19. Children and youth would benefit greatly from the ability to engage in different activities as many have had their opportunities for socialization and education curtailed. Given limited time to develop a program, the variety of needs and interests of youth in care, the variety of needs for respite opportunities by foster/relative caregivers, and the variety of medical risks/comfort levels different families have with engaging in social programing over the summer, this opportunity must be flexibly crafted by foster/relative caregivers themselves.

The Foster/Relative Caregiver Summer Programing Support would be administered by the Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA) to provide stipends of up to \$500 per child over the summer to allow foster/relative caregivers funding to afford additional opportunities for children in foster care. Foster/Relative Caregivers would complete an application identifying summer programing/respite opportunities, identifying their anticipated costs for any number of activities designed to promote youth socialization and education over the summer, and provide respite for foster parents. Those activities may include but are not limited to: day camp; overnight camp; in-home child care; in-state day trips; recreational programs; online programing; etc. Funds would be distributed by FAPA upon approval of the foster/relative caregiver's application. Receipts demonstrating that the funds were expended in accordance with the terms of the program and the approved application shall be provided to and retained by FAPA. Funds not expended by the foster/relative caregiver shall be returned to FAPA, which shall then return all such funds to the State.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. English
Deputy Director, GOFERR

Mailloux, Matthew-GOV

From: Hensley, Rhonda - GOFERR
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Mailloux, Matthew-GOV
Cc: Formella, John; English, Lisa - GOFERR
Subject: RE: Requests for Governor Sununu's approval

Categories: Authorizations

Hi Matt,

Would it be possible to edit the FAPA one you sent over? The request is for \$5,500 for a total not to exceed \$475,500. The approval came back as \$475,000.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Rhonda

From: Mailloux, Matthew-GOV <Matthew.H.Mailloux-GOV@nh.gov>
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Hi Rhonda,

Please find all seven attached here.

Best,

Matt

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From: Hensley, Rhonda - GOFERR <Rhonda.D.Hensley-G@goferr.nh.gov>
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