

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

December 30, 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 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 amend the end date of grant agreements from December 15, 2020 to December 30, 2020 for awards made under the Department of Education Student Enrichment Program for program expenses and loss in revenue related to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education

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December 30, 2020

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

#### <u>REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, AND SECTION 4 OF</u> <u>EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-A4 AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05 AND</u> 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 AND SUSPEND THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES 150, V., B., 1., <u>REQUIREMENT.</u>

Dear Governor Sununu,

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to amend the explanation portion of our request to transfer Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Student Program Enrichment Grants by amending the end date for program expenses and loss in revenue, from December 15, 2020 to December 30, 2020, effective through December 30, 2020. Original accept and expend item approved by Governor Christopher T. Sununu on October 13, 2020, attached. 100% Federal Funds.

### **EXPLANATION**

The governor has set aside \$1.5 million of CARES Act funding to be available for grants to student programs that provide enrichment opportunities to K-12 students.

Many of these programs, during the period of the pandemic, have had a difficult time connecting with students and connecting students with their programming. This has significantly curtailed the ability of students to participate in important enrichment programming that build important skills.

Organizations qualifying for these grants will be qualified non-profit organizations serving K-12 students in New Hampshire.

Grant applications will be made to the Department of Education for qualifying costs and program expenses. Qualifying costs and program expenses must be demonstrated in one of the following two ways:

- Qualifying costs may only be incremental program expenses (over and above normal operating expenses) or loss in revenue already incurred from March 1, 2020 to the present, or that will be incurred prior to December 30, 2020, and not otherwise reimbursed. Incremental program expense for this purpose means increases in program expenses due to COVID-19 over and above normal operating costs. Regular payroll, rent and revenue loss do not qualify as increased program expense. Losses in revenue as compared to 2019 from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. Awards based on increased program costs or loss of revenue will use a short-form grant application.
- Qualifying program expenses are those designed to accomplish a specific goal or service of the organization beyond current programing that took place between March 1, 2020 and will be provided before December 30, 2020. A, long-form sub-award grant application will be used for such programs.

In all cases, costs and program expenses must reflect the program response to the COVID pandemic. In addition, expenditure must be made by December 30, 2020 and all purchases must be in-use by that date.

This grant program will fit within the Invest in the Future funds including in the CARES Act funding category.

This funding will support these providers as the state continues to respond to the effects of the pandemic.

Funds for the Intra-Agency Transfers are to support compliance and monitoring activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell Director, GOFERR