



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:

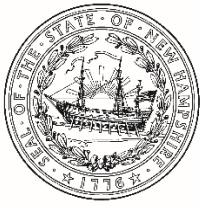
1. Authority for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to transfer \$14,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for DHHS to accept and expend \$14,000 from GOFERR to support efforts of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services towards recovery housing. . Budgeted consistent with the request, in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
3. Authority for GOFERR to reallocate \$135,592 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding previously provided to DHHS in support of the COVID-19 response efforts for the provision of care for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
4. Authority for DHHS to transfer \$135,592 of the \$1,400,000 previously provided by GOFERR to the department for respite care to support the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services efforts toward recovery housing. 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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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, 2020-23, AND 2020-24

Dear Governor Sununu:

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$14,000 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 effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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

	<u>FY2021</u>
085-588595 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds	\$14,000

2. Contingent upon approval of Action Item #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend \$14,000 from the GOFERR to support the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services effort's towards recovery housing, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

05-95-92-920510-19310000 BDAS GOFERR FUNDS				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ADJUSTED AUTHORIZED BUDGET</u>	<u>REQUESTED ACTION #2</u>	<u>ADJUSTED BUDGET</u>
072 – GRANTS – FEDERAL	502646	\$1,300,000	\$14,000	\$1,314,000
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	\$500,000		\$500,000
103 - CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	502664	\$700,000		\$700,000

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	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,500,000	\$14,000	\$2,514,000
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>				
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$2,500,000	\$14,000	\$2,514,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$14,000	\$2,514,000

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to reallocate \$135,592 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding previously provided in the Governor's October 5, 2020 authorization and the October 29, 2020 reallocation to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts for the provision of respite care for individual with substance use disorder (SUD), effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for the allocation are available in 05-95-92-920510-19490000 – BDAS GOFERR Funds – Respite, as follows:

	<u>FY2021</u>
102 - 500731 – Contracts for Program Service	\$850,000

2. Contingent upon approval of Action Item #3, authorize DHHS to transfer \$135,592 of the \$1,400,000 previously provided from the GOFERR in the Governor's October 5, 2020 authorization and the October 29, 2020 reallocation pertaining to respite care to support the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services efforts towards recovery housing, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

05-95-92-920510-19490000 BDAS GOFERR FUNDS - RESPITE				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ADJUSTED AUTHORIZED BUDGET</u>	<u>REQUESTED ACTION #3</u>	<u>ADJUSTED BUDGET</u>
072 – GRANTS – FEDERAL	502646	\$550,000		\$550,000
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	\$850,000	(\$135,592)	\$714,408
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,400,000	(\$135,592)	\$1,264,408
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>				
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$1,400,000	(\$135,592)	\$1,264,408
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,400,000	(\$135,592)	\$1,264,408

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05-95-92-920510-19310000 BDAS GOFERR FUNDS				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ADJUSTED AUTHORIZED BUDGET</u>	<u>REQUESTED ACTION #3</u>	<u>ADJUSTED BUDGET</u>
072 – GRANTS – FEDERAL	502646	\$1,314,000	\$135,592	\$1,449,592
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	\$500,000		\$500,000
103 - CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	502664	\$700,000		\$700,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,514,000	\$135,592	\$2,649,592
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>				
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$2,514,000	\$135,592	\$2,649,592
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,514,000	\$135,592	\$2,649,592

EXPLANATION

Residential and Outpatient Substance Use Services – On October 5, 2020, the Governor authorized \$1.4 million in GOFERR CRF funding to DHHS to acquire additional respite beds for individuals with SUD, DHHS BDAS has diligently sought to use these funds for the expressed purpose of acquiring additional respite care bed space, but has not been able to identify providers to use all the funding. A portion of the funding was already reallocated, on October 29, 2020, the Governor authorized \$550,000 to be repurposed to provide financial support to the North Country Health Consortium for their Friendship House inpatient and outpatient SUD treatment program to continue services through the end of calendar year (CY) 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the need to increase recovery housing capacity in this state. Specifically, as a result of COVID-19, New Hampshire has seen an increase in substance use, particularly alcohol, that is likely related to the financial stress and social isolation caused by the pandemic. DHHS has determined that there is a statewide need for additional recovery housing capacity to keep up with the increased demand. As a result, DHHS was allocated \$1.3 million of GOFERR funds to distribute to qualifying recovery houses that apply for funds. Qualifying recovery houses may use funds to increase or optimize their capacity based on pandemic-related need, such as increased demand, spacing/layout modification to ensure social distancing, or other capital improvements designed to assist New Hampshire's recovery houses respond to the unique challenges presented by COVID-19. DHHS posted a Request for Grant application on its website on November 24, 2020, received and scored responses, and made awards to 21 highest scoring applicants first. After awarding available funding to 21 applicants, the next two highest scoring vendors ended up with the same exact score and DHHS did not have sufficient funds to make full awards to both. Without the additional funding DHHS will not be able to make full awards to both of these applicants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. English". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being the most prominent.

Lisa English
Deputy Director, GOFERR