



**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 make \$255,103 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding provided to the New Hampshire Judicial Council (NHJC) available for reallocation, by reducing the allocated amount from \$1,426,960 to \$1,171,857. Budgeted consistent with the request, in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)

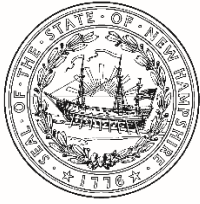
The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

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Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



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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-

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Dear Governor Sununu,

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests to amend the authority to sweep the remaining \$255,103 from the New Hampshire Judicial Council (NHJC) from their Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding awarded. Effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available and will be swept as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Description, FY21 Current Modified Budget, Requested Change, and FY21 Revised Budget. Rows include NHJC COVID19 Funds From GOFERR, Class - Account, 102-500731 - Contracts for Program Services, 108-500751 - Provider Payments Legal Serv, TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS, 00D-488502 - Transfer of Federal Funds, and TOTAL FUNDS.

EXPLANATION

On July 17, 2020 the Governor authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$1,426,960 to the New Hampshire Judicial Council; \$900,000 for CASA, \$326,960 for technology upgrades, and \$200,000 for private guardian ad litem costs. NHJC disbursed the entire \$900,000 to CASA, \$271,857 of \$326,960 available for technology upgrades to the New Hampshire Public Defender, and spent none of the \$200,000 on private guardian ad litem costs at this point.

Although the Judicial Council still expects an increase in child protection cases, the impact on private guardian ad litem costs has not yet occurred. The entire \$200,000 intended for this purpose can lapse. This request seeks approval to lapse the remaining \$255,103 of the \$1,426,960 provided to NHJC.

Effective upon your approval, the GOFERR will work with Department of Administrative Services to return these funds. Returning these unused or excess appropriations to the GOFERR will give the Governor the ability to reallocate these funds to new or existing programs to ensure they are expended before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Caswell".

Taylor Caswell
Director, GOFERR