



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

January 21, 2021

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, 2020-24, and 2020-25 I have 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 **retroactively** extend the end date for the New Hampshire Department of Education Special Education Provider Fund from December 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021 to support administrative, compliance, and monitoring activities only. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request, in attachment, effective through March 31, 2021. (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
Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

January 19, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, AND SECTION 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-A4 AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05 AND 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., REQUIREMENT.

Dear Governor Sununu,

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests retroactive authority to amend the accept and expend Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) to support the Special Education Provider Fund item, time extension only, no additional funds, by extending the end date from December 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021 to support administrative, compliance and monitoring activities only, effective upon approval by the Governor through March 31, 2021. Originally approved on October 13, 2020, attached. 100% Federal Funds.

The existing authorized budget lines to support this request for Fiscal Year 2021 are listed below.

06-56-56-562010-19480000 SPEC ED PROVIDER-GOFERR COVID

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include '029 -- Intra-Agency Transfers' for \$15,000 and '102 -- Contracts for Program Services' for \$40,000.

EXPLANATION

This amendment is to extend the date by which the already authorized funds to support compliance and monitoring activities by DOE must be used only. While the program funds allocated to the recipients had an end date of December 30, 2020, the Department has the responsibility to perform compliance and monitoring activities, to include reviewing Final Reports submitted by recipients, and providing reports to GOFERR.

The Bureau of Student Support works with Approved Private Providers of Special Education in the state to support students with disabilities within the state who have some of the most intensive needs. These providers are approved to provide intensive support to students in either a residential or day setting. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these providers have struggled to provide services remotely, in person and in homes while incurring large expenses for PPE and extra cleaning supplies. The nature of the student disabilities and support services provided requires, in many cases, enhanced PPE well beyond a typical instructional setting. They have developed some of the most innovative and thoughtful plans for these students to ensure they are still provided with the services they need. Public schools across the state rely on these facilities to provide these unique intensive supports to students when options within the typical public

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school setting have been found to be unsuccessful. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Caswell", written over a faint, large, stylized outline of the state of New Hampshire.

Taylor Caswell
Director, GOFERR



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

October 13, 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, and 2020-20 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authority to transfer \$4,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Special Education Provider Fund. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize NHDOE to accept and expend \$4,000,000.00 from the GOFERR to support the Special Education Provider Fund. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Transfer of Federal Funds)
3. Authorize the NHDOE to enter into grant agreements for a total amount not to exceed \$3,945,000 to grant funds to providers in support of student enrichment programs, including grant administration activities. Effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Transfer of Federal Funds)

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 9, 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 AND 2020-18 AND SUSPEND THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES 150, V., A., 5 REQUIREMENT

Dear Governor Sununu,

- 1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$4,000,000.00 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Special Education Provider Fund effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

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

085-588556 - Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds FY 2021 \$4,000,000.00

- 2. Contingent on approval of action item #1, authorize the NHDOE to accept and expend \$4,000,000.00 from the GOFERR to support the Special Education Provider Fund. These appropriations will be budgeted as allocated below effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2021 as follows:

Table with 3 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, BUDGET REQUEST. Rows include 06-56-56-562010-19480000 SPEC ED PROVIDER-GOFERR COVID, 029 - Intra-Agency Transfers, 072 - Grants-Federal, 102 - Contracts for Program Services, TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS, 00D - Transfer of Federal Funds, TOTAL FUNDS.

3. Contingent on approval of action item #2, authorize the NHDOE to enter into grant agreements and contracts with various vendors, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,985,000 to grant funds to providers in support of students with disabilities, including grant administration activities, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

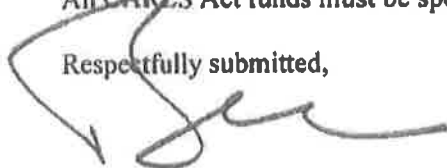
EXPLANATION

The Bureau of Student Support works with Approved Private Providers of Special Education in the state to support students with disabilities within the state who have some of the most intensive needs. These providers are approved to provide intensive support to students in either a residential or day setting. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these providers have struggled to provide services remotely, in person and in homes while incurring large expenses for PPE and extra cleaning supplies. The nature of the student disabilities and support services provided requires, in many cases, enhanced PPE well beyond a typical instructional setting. They have developed some of the most innovative and thoughtful plans for these students to ensure they are still provided with the services they need. Public schools across the state rely on these facilities to provide these unique intensive supports to students when options within the typical public school setting have been found to be unsuccessful. 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