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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$150,289,440.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the DR4516 COVID-19 response. Effective upon the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2021 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-12320000 Dept. of Safety – HSEM – Declared Disasters Public Assistance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SFY2021 Current</u> <u>Adjusted Authorized</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>SFY2021 Revised</u> <u>Adjusted Authorized</u>
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$35,605,967.93)	(\$150,289,440.00)	(\$185,895,407.93)
018-500106	Overtime	\$199,866.00	\$0.00	\$199,866.00
020-500200	Current Expense	\$10,245,769.90	\$0.00	\$10,245,769.90
030-500311	Equipment	\$162,130.80	\$100,000.00	\$262,130.80
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$58,254.00	\$25,000.00	\$83,254.00
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$30,093.00	\$0.00	\$30,093.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$318,121.00	\$0.00	\$318,121.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$1,537,286.00	\$14,300.00	\$1,551,586.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$37,189.00	\$150,140.00	\$187,329.00
047-500240	Own Forces Maint (Bldg-Grnds)	\$672.23	\$0.00	\$672.23
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$117,364.00	\$0.00	\$117,364.00
059-500117	Temp Full-Time	\$306,001.00	\$0.00	\$306,001.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$482,554.00	\$0.00	\$482,554.00
066-500543	Employee Training	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$44,343.00	\$0.00	\$44,343.00
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$13,718,783.00	\$0.00	\$13,718,783.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
085-588599	Interagency Transfers Fed Funds	\$7,810,742.00	\$150,000,000.00	\$157,810,742.00
103-502664	Contracts for Op Services	\$520,799.00	\$0.00	\$520,799.00
	Total	\$35,605,967.93	\$150,289,440.00	\$185,895,407.93

Explanation

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private nonprofit organizations to assist in responding to and recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had eight declared disasters since June 1, 2017, impacting the entire State.

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, State Agencies, including NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), utilized force account and contracted materials, supplies, labor, and equipment in order to complete Emergency Protective Measures statewide.

This request to accept \$150,289,440.00 represents the estimated current federal share of the Public Assistance Grant Program for the State's Emergency Protective Measures conducted for DR4516 COVID-19 response. These actions were taken to save lives and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes, but is not limited to, activating and staffing the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support New Hampshire's response efforts, mobilizing Alternate Care Site (ACS) locations, purchasing life-saving and life-sustaining commodities, including personal protective equipment (PPE), and activating and staffing numerous call-centers to help keep the public informed and provide up to date information about COVID-19. A large portion of this above amount is related to PPE purchases completed by DHHS that were distributed state-wide to healthcare workers and first responders. The equipment and technology portion of this request is needed to support vaccine distribution including mass vaccination sites.

These COVID-19 PA funds were not included in the State of New Hampshire FY 2020-21 budget because at the time of budget development, the level and timing of the COVID-19 PA funding associated with DR4516 was not known.

The funds will be budgeted as follows:

Funds in Class 030, Equipment, will be used to purchase equipment needed to manage vaccine distribution, including mass vaccine sites. This includes surveillance equipment needed to monitor traffic flow and to provide general site security and anticipated up to two enclosed trailers for storage and transportation of materials for mass vaccine sites.

Funds in Class 037, Technology-Hardware, will be used to purchase computer equipment needed to manage vaccine distribution, including mass vaccine sites. The anticipated needs include ten laptops, five tablets, and other auxiliary equipment needed to support vaccine distribution, but these items may change based on response needs.

Funds in Class 040, Indirect Cost, represent the indirect cost associated amount for this request.

Funds in Class 041, Audit Funds Set Aside, represent the audit fund set aside associated amount for this request.

Funds in Class 085, Interagency Transfers of Federal Funds, will be used to reimburse State Agencies for their COVID-19 response costs. This amount includes approximately \$100,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

There are no General funds required with this request. In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highways funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Safety

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I hereby approve this request pursuant to RSA 21-P43, 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, 2020-25, 2021-02, and 2021-04.

3-18-21

Date



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**Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Assistance Grant Program
Fiscal Situation**

Federal Funds Awarded:	
DR4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (7/1/2017-11/06/2019)	\$5,353,589.85
DR4355 Oct 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$9,263,163.66
DR4370 March 2018 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$4,297,287.04
DR4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (Ongoing)	\$2,544,789.77
DR4457 July 2019 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$2,507,790.50
DR4516 COVID-19 (Ongoing)	\$185,895,407.93
Total Grant Funds Awarded	\$209,862,028.75
Less expenses in FY 2018	(\$583,807.60)
Less expenses in FY 2019	(\$11,713,691.86)
Less expenses in FY 2020	(\$4,600,232.51)
Total Prior Fiscal Year Actual Expenses	(\$16,897,731.97)
Net Grant Funds Remaining as of July 1, 2020	\$192,964,296.78
Less SFY 2021 Appropriation including prior year encumbrances Account 02-23-23-236010-12320000	(\$22,479,120.74)
Excess grant funds available to appropriate	<u>\$170,485,176.04</u>
This Request	\$150,289,440.00