



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

March 19, 2021

Lori Shibinette
Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

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, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, and 2021-04 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

1. Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in the amount of \$811,300, effective retroactively to December 17, 2020. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through June 30, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).

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

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 16, 2021

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

**REQUESTED ACTION 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, 2020-25, 2021-01 AND 2021-02**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$811,300 effective retroactive to December 17, 2020 upon your approval through June 30, 2021, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-090-903010-19570000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, ELC-3-COMPONENTS-COVID-19

SFY2021 Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 811,300	\$ 811,300
	General Funds	\$ -		\$ -
	Total Revenue:	\$ -	\$ 811,300	\$ 811,300
Expense				
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
024-500225	Maint Other than Build-Grn		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
030-500302	Equipment	\$ -	\$ 307,342	\$ 307,342
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$ -	\$ 90,860	\$ 90,860
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ -	\$ 854	\$ 854
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ -	\$ 189,800	\$ 189,800
548-500396	Reagents	\$ -	\$ 169,444	\$ 169,444
	Total Expense:	\$ -	\$ 811,300	\$ 811,300

*The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families
in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.*

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept the additional grant funds available for SFY 2021 to administer the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These special ELC Projects: AMD Technologies, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Preparedness and Travelers Health funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). This ELC funding is to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory and informatics. Monitoring the indicators associated with these activities are intended to assist the State of New Hampshire in making data-driven policy decisions regarding testing, mitigation and prevention efforts. The notice of additional funds awarded was received December 17, 2020.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 020	The funds will be used to pay for current expense items.
Class 024	The funds will be used to pay for maintenance other than buildings or grounds.
Class 030	The funds will be used to pay for equipment.
Class 038	The funds will be used to pay for computer software.
Class 041	The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside.
Class 102	The funds will be used to pay for contracts.
Class 548	The funds will be used to pay for reagents.

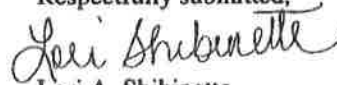
In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?" the Division offers the following information: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds as they are specifically granted to the State for the purpose of providing the services described above.

These funds will not change the program eligibility levels. No new program will be established with the acceptance of these funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The notice of supplemental funds awarded was received December 17, 2020. They were not added to the operating budget because these are new funds recently granted to the State to assist in the public health Coronavirus response and were not anticipated at the time the budget was developed.

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Shubinette
Commissioner