



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 2, 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, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04 and 2021-05 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authority for the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOERR) to provide an amount not to exceed \$120,000 in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc., an essential component of the State's healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prevent their failure during COVID-19. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into a sub-award grant agreement with Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. using CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds from the Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF). Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 31, 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



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

March 31, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION PURSUANT TO 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, 2021-04, 2021-05 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06

Dear Governor Sununu,

- 1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to use \$120,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding from the existing COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), to provide emergency relief to Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc., an essential component of the State's healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prevent their failure during COVID-19, effective upon your approval through December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>
02-02-002-020210-19200000 HEALTHCARE RELIEF FUND-COVID19		
072-GRANTS FEDERAL	500575	\$ 120,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 120,000

- 2. Contingent on approval of item #1, authorize GOFERR to enter into a sub-award grant agreement with Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. using the CARES CRF funding from the EHSRF without further approval in the form attached. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, on March 19, 2020, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #9, which established the COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF). The order created a \$50 million fund to provide emergency relief to hospitals and other health care providers that are serving as an essential component of the State's healthcare system during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

On May 18, 2020, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #44, which amended Emergency Order # 9 by increasing the amount authorized for the EHSRF to disburse up to a total of \$100 million, provided that \$30 million be allocated to long-term care facilities due to the acute need within those facilities, and

provided that the payments from the Fund shall be an obligation of GOFERR from CARES Act Funding to the maximum extent allowable.

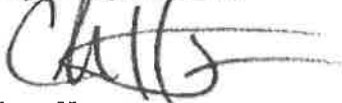
On July 27, 2020, the Governor issued a fiscal authorization letter, which approved disbursement of the additional \$50,000,000 allocated by Emergency Order #44 to GOFERR.

Since then, GOFERR has solicited applications for additional rounds of EHSRF funding. Although Mascoma applied for and received funding in the initial round of EHSRF funding as a loan that has now been forgiven and received an additional award based on the formula applied to losses in the third round of EHSRF, they are still at risk of closure or needing to significantly reduce services during a time when there is a heavy surge in COVID-19 cases and maintaining access to healthcare is critical. In the fall, the Legislative Advisory Board worked with Mascoma to identify their financial challenges and requested an additional one-time grant be made to cover the shortfall that would occur prior to December 30, 2020, as that was the deadline for expending CRF funds. An additional grant of \$110,000 was made to maintain healthcare capacity in the region. The Legislative Advisory Board made a recommendation to obtain an additional allotment of monies in the amount of \$120,000 which represents \$20,000 per month from January 2021 through June 30, 2021.

At the time, it was anticipated that Mascoma would have to seek other assistance for their needs for an additional \$120,000 through June 30, 2021, given the restriction on the period for which CRF funds could be used. On December 27, 2020 the period for which CRF funds can be used was extended from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Given the time it will take to complete vaccination efforts, the enhanced need to maintain healthcare availability due to continuing cases of COVID-19 is reasonably foreseeable to continue through the end of June 2021. Given the extension of the period for which CRF funds can be used, it is now requested that GOFERR be allowed to meet the continued need of Mascoma through June 30, 2021 by making an additional sub-award grant which will require them to maintain current levels of healthcare capacity through June 30, 2021.

All CARES Act funds will be used by Mascoma to maintain healthcare capacity at current levels through June 30, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Chase Hagaman
Deputy Director, GOFERR