



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 20, 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, 2021-05 and 2021-06 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 use of funds from the Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund (NERF) from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021 to allow recipients to use the reaming balance of the award for revenue loss or to provide new or expanded services to respond to COVID-19. Budgeted consistent with the information in the attached request with no additional funds, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into amendments to existing direct beneficiary awards or new sub-awards for new, expanded, or continued services or benefits related to COVID-19 with the existing awardees for use of the remaining award balances through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
3. Authority for GOFERR to enter into a **sole source** contract for up to \$12,000 with a qualified consultant to provide technical assistance to nonprofits to utilize their remaining balance. 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



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for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04, 2021-05 AND 2021-06 and SUSPEND THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES 150, V., B., 1., REQUIREMENT.

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to amend the accept and expend Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding for the Non-Profit Relief Fund (NERF) authorized on June 16, 2020 to allow the recipients of revenue loss awards or to provide new or expanded services to respond to COVID-19 that were unable to use all of the 2020 award by December 30, 2020 the ability to use the remaining balance for 2020 COVID related expenses in 2021, or for services that will assist New Hampshire in responding to the effects of COVID-19 or to recover from the effects of the pandemic by extending the end date for use of the funds from December 30 2020 to December 31, 2021.

This authorization is a time extension only, **no additional funds**, effective upon approval by the Governor through December 31, 2021. Originally approved on June 16, 2020 attached. 100% Federal Funds.

2. Subject to approval of the request in paragraph 1 above, authorize GOFERR to enter into amendments to existing direct beneficiary awards or new sub-awards for new, expanded or continued services or benefits related to COVID-19 with the existing awardees for use of the remaining balances of their 2020 awards in 2021, without further approval.

3. Authorize GOFERR to enter into a sole source contract for up to \$ 12,000 with a qualified consultant to provide technical assistance to non-profits that need it on how they can utilize their remaining balance without further approval.

Funds for this is available in the following:

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CLASS	ACCOUNT	Budget Request
103 – Operational Services	502664	\$ 12,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
000 – Federal Funds	400338	\$ 12,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 12,000

EXPLANATION

On June 16, 2020, the Governor authorized the Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund, (NERF) to disburse monies to eligible nonprofit businesses to enable charitable entities to continue to provide their important and vital missions during the pandemic or to respond directly to needs created by the pandemic.

Consistent with the CARES Act CRF fund provisions, these direct beneficiary or sub-award programs were limited to losses incurred by December 30, 2020 or required that all services or benefits be provided and completed by December 30, 2020.

On December 27, 2020 Section 1001 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, amending the CARES Act CRF provisions by extending the end of the covered period for CRF expenditures from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021, was approved by the President.

Following receipt and review of required reporting regarding these programs, it became apparent that not all non-profits awardees had been able to fully utilize the amount of their 2020 award for the intended purpose. The COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency has continued through the present time and is likely to continue to affect New Hampshire through the remainder of 2021. The State should recognize the importance of the charitable missions of non-profits to the health and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire and extend to the recipients that so desire the ability to use the remaining balance of these awards to cover COVID-19 related expenses incurred in 2021 or to continue to respond to and assist New Hampshire to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 in 2021.

Based on the foregoing, GOFERR respectfully requests that the authorizations for these programs be amended as requested to allow the continued use of the 2020 grants through the end of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Chase Hagaman
Deputy Director, GOFERR