



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

April 21, 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, 2021-04, 2021-05, and 2021-06 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 for Children, Youth, and Families (DYCF) to accept and expend the Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program (ETV) – Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law (P.L.), the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, in the amount of \$143,465. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 31, 2022. (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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Lori A. Shibinette  
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April 7, 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, 2021-02,  
2021-04 AND 2021-05**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to accept and expend the Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program (ETV) - Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law (P.L.), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 in the amount of \$143,465, effective upon your approval through December 31, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below.

**05-95-42-421010-2971 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS:DIVISION FOR CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES, CHILD PROTECTION, ADOLESCENT AFTER CARE SERV**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-404213	Federal Funds	\$ 95,095	\$ 143,465	\$ 238,560
Sub Total Revenue:		\$ 95,095	\$ 143,465	\$ 238,560
<b>Expense</b>				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 95	\$ 143	\$ 238
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 95,000	\$ 143,322	\$ 238,322
Sub Total Expense:		\$ 95,095	\$ 143,465	\$ 238,560

**EXPLANATION**

This request is being made to accept the grant funds associated with the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law (P.L.), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. These funds are being disbursed to all the states so that public child welfare agencies may offer increased financial assistance to eligible youth and young adults during the pandemic. The Department will be making these funds available to be used by youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care that are between the ages of 16-27.

Funds are being budgeted in:

Audit costs (class 041) per state requirements

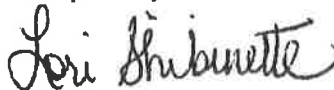
Payment to Providers (class 502) to provide youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care that are or will be attending college or an accredited career training program with direct or indirect payments to be used for tuition, room and board, books, transportation costs, laptop and other costs necessary for initial or sustained enrollment.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette  
Commissioner