



**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 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood – 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 \$987,038. 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



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April 7, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
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**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 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood - 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 \$987,038, effective upon your approval through December 31, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below.

**05-95-42-421010-2970 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS:DIVISION FOR CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES, CHILD PROTECTION, TEEN INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-404213	Federal Funds	\$ 636,293	\$ 650,650	\$ 1,286,943
Sub Total Revenue:		\$ 636,293	\$ 650,650	\$ 1,286,943
<b>Expense</b>				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$ 101,633		\$ 101,633
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 42,475		\$ 42,475
037-500166	Technology-Hardware	\$ 1,600		\$ 1,600
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$ 700		\$ 700
039-500191	Telecommunications	\$ 5,058		\$ 5,058
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 667	\$ 650	\$ 1,317
042-500620	Additional Finge Benefits	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
050-500109	Personal Services Temp Appoin	\$ 94,937		\$ 94,937
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 54,016		\$ 54,016
070-500700	In State Travel Reimb	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
080-500710	Out Of State Travel Reimb	\$ 4,500		\$ 4,500
102-500731	Contracts For Program Svcs	\$ 206,707	\$ 500,000	\$ 706,707
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 115,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 265,000
Sub Total Expense:		\$ 636,293	\$ 650,650	\$ 1,286,943

**05-95-42-421010-2972 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS:DIVISION FOR CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES, CHILD PROTECTION, ADOLESCENT PURCHASED SERV**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-404213	Federal Funds	\$ 116,129	\$ 336,388	\$ 452,517
Sub Total Revenue:		\$ 116,129	\$ 336,388	\$ 452,517
<b>Expense</b>				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 187	\$ 337	\$ 524
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 115,942	\$ 336,051	\$ 451,993
Sub Total Expense:		\$ 116,129	\$ 336,388	\$ 452,517
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 752,422</b>	<b>\$ 987,038</b>	<b>\$ 1,739,460</b>

**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.

In AU#2972, Adolescent Purchases Services, funds are being budgeted in:

Audit costs (class 041) per state requirements

Payment to Providers (class 502) to provide financial assistance directly or indirectly to youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care that can be used towards a security deposit, current/back rent for young adults 18 or older, food, clothing, utilities, medical/mental health expenses, Driver's education and related costs, job training, car purchase/repair/maintenance, laptop, cell phone, household items and other basic needs.

In AU#2970, Teen Independent Living, funds are being budgeted in:

Audit costs (class 041) per state requirements

Contracts for program services (class 102) to contract with an organization that will assist the Department in the disbursing of these grant funds for the purposes as described above. The contractor will assess the needs of eligible youth and young adults and provide a one-time financial assistance payment to them or to the institution or organization, they are working with. Individuals determined to need additional mental health, housing, employment or other services will be connected to the appropriate service providers.

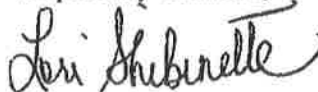
Payment to Providers (class 502) to provide financial assistance to youth currently in foster care to be used for Driver's education and related costs, car purchase/repair/maintenance/insurance, laptop, cell phone, job training, household items, security deposits or other assistance needed to prepare them for the transition out of foster care and into adulthood.

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