



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 23, 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), Long Term Care Ombudsman to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 funding for the LTC Ombudsman, SSA Title XX Section 2043(a)(1)(A) to provide one-time funding to support preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through September 30, 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 19, 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 & EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 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

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 funding for LTC Ombudsman, SSA Title XX Section 2043(a)(1)(A) to provide one-time funding to support preventing, preparing for and responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) effective upon approval through September 30, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-095-952010-66360000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS; HHS:OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER; OFFICE OF PROGRAM SUPPORT; LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

| Class/Object | Class Title | Current Adjusted Authorized Budget | Requested Change | Adjusted Budget |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| 000-400338 | Federal Funds | \$ 491,578 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 511,578 |
| | General Funds | \$ 257,969 | \$ - | \$ 257,969 |
| | Total Revenue: | \$ 749,547 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 769,547 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 010-500100 | Regular Officers and Employees | \$ 345,335 | | \$ 345,335 |
| 020-500200 | Current Expenses | \$ 5,506 | | \$ 5,506 |
| 022-500257 | Rents-Leases | \$ 1,698 | | \$ 1,698 |
| 026-500251 | Organizational Dues | \$ 540 | | \$ 540 |
| 030-500301 | Equipment | \$ 500 | | \$ 500 |
| 039-500180 | Telecommunications | \$ 2,400 | | \$ 2,400 |
| 041-500801 | Audit Set Aside | \$ 470 | \$ 20 | \$ 490 |
| 042-500620 | Additional Fringe Benefits | \$ 16,515 | | \$ 16,515 |
| 060-500601 | Benefits | \$ 178,061 | | \$ 178,061 |
| 066-500544 | Employee Training | \$ 1,500 | | \$ 1,500 |
| 070-500704 | In State Travel | \$ 38,400 | | \$ 38,400 |
| 080-500714 | Out of State Travel | \$ 4,000 | | \$ 4,000 |
| 102-500731 | Contracts for Program Services | \$ 54,722 | | \$ 54,722 |
| 103-502507 | Program Contracts | \$ 99,900 | \$ 19,980 | \$ 119,880 |
| | Total Expense: | \$ 749,547 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 769,547 |

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

His Excellency, Governor
Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept additional grant funds available for SFY 2021-2022 to administer the Coronavirus Aid, CRRSA Act, 2021 funding for LTC Ombudsman, SSA Title XX Section 2043(a)(1)(A) for Ombudsman Program. Funds are being budgeted in Program Contracts (Class 103) to provide funding to support preventing, preparing for and responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 as well as to provide administrative relief for recipients and applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Funds are also being budgeted for Audit costs (class 041) per state requirements.

Area Served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal from the CRRSA Act, 2021 funding for LTC Ombudsman, SSA Title XX Section 2043(a)(1)(A).

In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner