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

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$5,938,500.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR4516 COVID-19. Effective upon the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2021 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-12320000 Dept. of Safety – HSEM – Declared Disasters Public Assistance

Class	Description	SFY2021 Current		Requested Action	SFY2021 Revised	
		Adjusted	Authorized		Adjusted	Authorized
000-404805	Federal Funds		(\$185,895,407.93)	(\$5,938,500.00)		(\$191,833,907.93)
010-500100	Regular Officers and Employees		\$0.00	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
018-500106	Overtime		\$199,866.00	\$750,000.00		\$949,866.00
019-500105	Holiday Pay		\$0.00	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00
020-500200	Current Expense		\$10,245,769.90	\$0.00		\$10,245,769.90
030-500311	Equipment		\$262,130.80	\$75,000.00		\$337,130.80
037-500174	Technology-Hardware		\$83,254.00	\$0.00		\$83,254.00
038-500177	Technology-Software		\$30,093.00	\$0.00		\$30,093.00
039-500188	Telecommunications		\$318,121.00	\$0.00		\$318,121.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs		\$1,551,586.00	\$610,000.00		\$2,161,586.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside		\$187,329.00	\$6,000.00		\$193,329.00
047-500240	Own Forces Maint (Bldg-Grnds)		\$672.23	\$0.00		\$672.23
050-500109	Personal Service Temp		\$117,364.00	\$150,000.00		\$267,364.00
059-500117	Temp Full-Time		\$306,001.00	\$0.00		\$306,001.00
060-500601	Benefits		\$482,554.00	\$190,000.00		\$672,554.00
066-500543	Employee Training		\$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$6,000.00
070-500705	In-State Travel		\$44,343.00	\$0.00		\$44,343.00
072-500574	Grants Federal		\$13,718,783.00	\$0.00		\$13,718,783.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel		\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$10,000.00
085-588599	Interagency Transfers Fed Funds		\$157,810,742.00	\$0.00		\$157,810,742.00
103-502664	Contracts for Op Services		<u>\$520,799.00</u>	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>		<u>\$4,520,799.00</u>
	Total		\$185,895,407.93	\$5,938,500.00		\$191,833,907.93

Explanation

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private nonprofit organizations to assist in responding to and

recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had eight declared disasters since June 1, 2017, impacting the entire State.

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, NH Department of Safety (DOS) utilized force account labor and contracted materials, supplies, and equipment in order to complete Emergency Protective Measures statewide.

This request to accept \$5,938,500.00 represents the estimated current federal share of the Public Assistance Grant Program for the State's Emergency Protective Measures conducted for the DR4516 COVID-19 response. These actions were taken to save lives and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes, but is not limited to, activating and staffing the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support New Hampshire's response efforts, mobilizing Alternate Care Site (ACS) locations, purchasing life-saving and life-sustaining commodities (including personal protective equipment (PPE)), and activating and staffing numerous call-centers to help keep the public informed about COVID-19 and vaccine distribution.

A large portion of this above amount funds a contract with Granite United Way (GUW), which shall provide personnel, materials, supplies, and equipment to manage and operate the "211 NH" public information hotline (via phone, email, and text services) to provide COVID-19 public health information services to all citizens and visitors in the State of New Hampshire. This work will be completed as directed by the State and in accordance with all policies and procedures put forth by the State.

These COVID-19 PA funds were not included in the State of New Hampshire FY 2020-21 budget because at the time of budget development, the level and timing of the COVID-19 PA funding associated with DR4516 was not known.

The funds will be budgeted as follows:

The funds in Class 010, Personal Services Perm Class, will be used to pay two existing DOS employees who have been reassigned to assist HSEM manage the COVID-19 response including PPE and vaccine distribution, and managing call centers whose current funding will not support the COVID-19 response.

The funds in Class 018, Overtime, will be used to pay existing DOS employees working overtime in support of the COVID-19 response, such as managing vaccine distribution including mass vaccine sites.

The funds in Class 019, Holiday Pay, will be used to pay two existing DOS employees who have been reassigned to assist HSEM manage the COVID-19 response including PPE and vaccine distribution, and managing call centers whose current funding will not support the COVID-19 response.

The funds in Class 030, Equipment, will be used to purchase equipment needed to manage vaccine distribution, including mass vaccine sites. This includes four mobile display screens to provide general vaccine information, as well as updates on wait times and other pertinent information to vaccine recipients at the six fixed indoor vaccine sites.

The funds in Class 040, Indirect Costs, represent the indirect cost associated amount for this request.

The funds in Class 041, Audit Funds Set Aside, represent the audit fund set aside associated amount for this request.


The funds in Class 050, Personal Service Temp, will be used to pay salaries for existing part time positions supporting the COVID-19 response.

The funds in Class 060, Benefits, will be used to pay the benefits associated with the above personnel costs.

The funds in Class 103, Contracts for Operational Services, will be used to fund the GUW contract described above.

There are no General funds required with this request. In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Safety

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I hereby approve this request pursuant to RSA 21-P43, 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, 2021-02, 2021-04, 2021-05, and 2021-06.

4.27.21

Date



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**Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Assistance Grant Program
Fiscal Situation**

Federal Funds Awarded:

DR4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (7/1/2017-11/06/2019)	\$5,353,589.85
DR4355 Oct 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$9,263,163.66
DR4370 March 2018 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$4,297,287.04
DR4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (Ongoing)	\$2,544,789.77
DR4457 July 2019 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$2,507,790.50
DR4516 COVID-19 (Ongoing)	\$191,833,907.93
Total Grant Funds Awarded	\$215,800,528.75

Less expenses in FY 2018	(\$583,807.60)
Less expenses in FY 2019	(\$11,713,691.86)
Less expenses in FY 2020	(\$4,600,232.51)
Total Prior Fiscal Year Actual Expenses	(\$16,897,731.97)

Net Grant Funds Remaining as of July 1, 2020 **\$198,902,796.78**

Less SFY 2021 Appropriation including prior year encumbrances
Account 02-23-23-236010-12320000 **(\$22,553,150.74)**

Excess grant funds available to appropriate **\$176,349,646.04**

This Request **\$5,938,500.00**