



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 28, 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 amend the accept and expend item for the New Hampshire Department of Education Invest in the Future Fund – Special Education Provider Program to allow grantees to use the remaining balance of their 2020 award for COID 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. Time extension only, no additional funds. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request, in attachment, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for NHDOE to enter into amendments or new sub-awards for use of the remaining balances of their 2020 awards with direct beneficiary recipients or sub-award grantees that have a remaining balance on their 2020 award, without further approval. (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
Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education



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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 Invest in the Future Fund – Special Education Providers. Originally approved on October 13, 2020, copy attached. 100% Federal Funds. This amendment will allow the Department of Education to extend to the grantees that did not use all of their award by December 30, 2020 the ability to use the remaining balance of the 2020 award for 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.

2. Subject to approval of the request in paragraph 1 above, authorize the Department of Education to enter into amendments or new sub-awards for use of the remaining balances of their 2020 awards with direct beneficiary recipients or sub-award grantees that have/had a remaining balance on their 2020 award, without further approval.

EXPLANATION

In fall of 2020, the Governor authorized awards for activities by Special Education Providers needed in light of COVID-19 by the Department of Education from the Invest in the Future Funds, along with a number of other programs to enable 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 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, it became apparent that some of these programs had not been able to fully utilize the amount of their 2020 award for the intended purpose, and some returned the excess. 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 missions of these providers to the health and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire and children in particular and extend to the grantees the ability to use the remaining balance of their award 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 authorization for the Department of Education Invest in the Future Fund – Special Education Providers program awards that were not fully utilized in 2020 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