



**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 transfer \$3,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to support the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS). Budgeted consistent with the information in the request, in attachment, effective through June 30, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for NHDOE to accept and expend \$3,000,000 from GOFERR to support VLACS. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request, in attachment, effective through June 30, 2021. (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 "Chitoh T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services  
Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education



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for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

April 28, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 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 transfer \$3,000,000.00 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) to support the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) effective upon your approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for this transfer are available in 01-02-002-020210-19460000 - Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, Office of the Director, of the reserve as follows:

085-588556 - Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds FY 2021 \$3,000,000.00

- 2. Contingent on approval of action item #1, authorize the NHDOE to accept and expend \$3,000,000.00 from the GOFERR to support the VLACS. These appropriations will be budgeted as allocated below effective upon your approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2021 as follows:

Table with 3 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, BUDGET REQUEST. Rows include 029 - Intra-Agency Transfers, 611 - Charter School Tuition, TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS, 00D - Transfer of Federal Funds, and TOTAL FUNDS.

**EXPLANATION**

The Virtual Learning Academy Charter School is a charter school that is approved by the New Hampshire State Board of Education to provide online, virtual school to elementary, middle, and high school New Hampshire resident students tuition free. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, VLACS course enrollments have increased dramatically as VLACS has been uniquely positioned to respond to the educational needs of New Hampshire's students as the instructional landscape in the state has shifted towards a remote instruction environment. Public schools across the state have taken advantage of VLACS' structure to ensure the continuity of student access to academic content. This funding will ensure that this avenue remains available to schools as the state continues to respond to the effects of the pandemic. In addition to enrolling in VLACS fulltime, New Hampshire students, enrolled in public, nonpublic, and homeschool settings may use VLACS as an educational supplement to their primary instruction.

Per NH RSA 194-B:11, in FY 2021 the DOE reimburses \$493.44 VLACS for competencies completed in half credit courses. The DOE estimates that approximately \$3,000,000.00 will be needed to reimburse VLACS for competencies earned in half credit courses by NH resident students on or before June 30, 2021. Upon enrollment, students indicate whether the courses they have enrolled in are related to COVID-19 concerns.

All CARES Act funds must be spent by the recipients before June 30, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Chase Hagaman  
Deputy Director, GOFERR