



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

May 17, 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, 2021-06 and 2021-08 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 of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in the amount of \$40,953,829 effective retroactively to April 8, 2021. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through July 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 "Clitch T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

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May 14, 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; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04  
 AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15,  
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Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$40,953,829 effective **RETROACTIVE** to April 8, 2021 upon your approval through July 31, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-095-090-903010-24360000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, ELC- REOPENING SCHOOLS-ARP**

SFY2021 Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 40,953,829	\$ 40,953,829
	General Funds	\$ -		\$ -
<b>Total Revenue:</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,953,829</b>	<b>\$ 40,953,829</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ -	\$ 40,954	\$ 40,954
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ -	\$ 40,912,875	\$ 40,912,875
<b>Total Expense:</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,953,829</b>	<b>\$ 40,953,829</b>

**EXPLANATION**

This request is being made to accept the additional grant funds available for SFY 2021 to administer the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARP), Public Law 117-2. This request is **RETROACTIVE** because time was needed to review the grant guidelines and work with stakeholders on a plan for the use of these funds. These special ELC Project E funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). This ELC funding is to be used in support of K-12 schools and overnight summer camp testing.

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

This will include contracting to provide specimen collection and testing, testing coordination, technical assistance, contract management and support to schools and camps. Monitoring the indicators associated with these activities are intended to assist the State of New Hampshire in making data-driven policy decisions regarding testing, mitigation and prevention efforts. The notice of additional funds awarded was received April 8, 2021.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 041      The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside.  
Class 102      The funds will be used to pay for contracts.

In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?" the Division offers the following information: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds as they are specifically granted to the State for the purpose of providing the services described above.

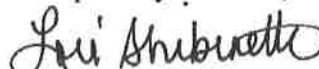
These funds will not change the program eligibility levels. No new program will be established with the acceptance of these funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The notice of supplemental funds awarded was received April, 8, 2021. They were not added to the operating budget because these are new funds recently granted to the State to assist in the public health Coronavirus response and were not anticipated at the time the budget was developed.

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori A. Shibinette  
Commissioner