



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 10, 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, 2021-06, 2021-08, and 2021-10 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 \$50,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to the New Hampshire Department of Justice (DOJ) for the purpose of engaging Pierce Atwood, LLP. Budgeted consistent with the request, in attachment, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for DOJ to execute a retainer agreement enabling Pierce Atwood, LLP to provide legal services to DOJ and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to facilitate DHHS's efforts to expand the provision of mental health services to New Hampshire residents, a crisis which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Budgeted consistent with the request, in attachment, effective through December 31, 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 "Chituh T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
John Formella, Attorney General, Department of Justice

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EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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 ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, AND 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, AND 2021-02, 2021-04, 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-08 AND 2021-10

Dear Governor Sununu,

- 1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to expend \$50,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding by allocating it to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the purpose of engaging Pierce Atwood, LLP effective upon your approval through December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available as follows:

Table with 3 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, TRANSFER REQUEST. Rows include 01-02-002-020210-19110000 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, 085 - INTERAGCY XFR OUT OF FED FND, TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS, FEDERAL FUNDS, and TOTAL FUNDS.

- 2. Contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, DOJ will execute a retainer agreement enabling Pierce Atwood, LLP to provide legal services to DOJ and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to facilitate DHHS's efforts to expand the provision of mental health services to New Hampshire residents, a crisis which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic effective upon your approval through December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available as follows:

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SOURCE OF FUNDS		
00D - INTERGNCY XFER OF FED FNDS	488502	\$50,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

DHHS is exploring opportunities to expand the provision of mental health services in New Hampshire, of which there is a critical need that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Interim final rule Section 35.6 (b) (1) (xviii) from the US Treasury on the allowed uses for COVID public health recovery under ARPA SLFRF recognizes providing mental health treatment and other behavioral health services as an allowed use for the recovery from the public health emergency. Before the state can determine the feasibility of possible investments for mental health treatment, preliminary work requiring the assistance of the specialized legal services at Pierce Atwood, LLP to facilitate these efforts is required that will be funded by this request to use remaining CRF funds. DOJ will enter into a retainer agreement to obtain these outside legal services to assist in this evaluation to obtain additional mental health treatment capacity that has been exacerbated by COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell,
Executive Director, GOFERR

Respectfully submitted,



John Formella
Attorney General