



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 11, 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 retroactively extend the end date for the use of funds from the General Assistance and Preservation Fund (GAP) (Non-profit only), originally approved on August 7, 2020, and the NH Veterans COVID-19 Relief and Support Fund - Traditional Veterans Services Support and Veteran Services Organization Support, originally approved on August 24, 2020, to allow recipients to use the remaining balance of the award for expenses or to provide new or expanded services to respond to COVID-19 effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into amendments to existing direct beneficiary awards or new sub-awards for new, expanded, or continued services or benefits related to COVID-19 with the existing awardees for use of the remaining award balances 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 "Chitoh T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



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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,

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests retroactive authority to amend the accept and expend Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding for the following programs to the extent that these programs had awardees that are non-profit recipients of awards for revenue loss and/or expenses that were unable to use all of the 2020 award by December 30, 2020 to provide the ability to use the remaining balance for COVID related expenses in 2021 or by submitting additional 2020 expense, by extending the end date for use of the funds from December 30 2020 to December 31, 2021.

- General Assistance and Preservation Fund (GAP) (Non-profit only). Originally approved on August 7, 2020, attached. 100% Federal Funds.
- NH Veterans COVID 19 Relief and Support Fund - Traditional Veterans Services Support and Veteran Services Organization Support. Originally approved on August 24, 2020, attached. 100% Federal Funds.

Subject to approval of the request in paragraph 1 above, authorize GOFERR to enter into amendments to existing direct beneficiary awards with the existing awardees for use of the remaining balances of their 2020 awards in 2021, to the extent necessary, without further approval.

No additional funds are being awarded, but rather the period of performance of the existing sub awards and grants are being extended.

EXPLANATION

In summer and fall of 2020, the Governor authorized a number of programs to enable charitable entities to continue to provide their important and vital missions during the pandemic or to respond directly to needs

created by the pandemic by providing awards based on revenue losses or COVID related expenses,. Consistent with the CARES Act CRF fund provisions these direct beneficiary programs were limited to losses incurred 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 regarding these programs, it became apparent that not all non-profits had been able to fully utilize the amount of their 2020 award for the intended purpose. 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 charitable missions of these non-profits to the health and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire and extend to the recipients that so desire the ability to use the remaining balance of these awards to cover COVID-19 related expenses incurred in 2021. A similar extension has already been provided to the NERF 501(c)(3) non-profits, and this will extend similar terms to the non-profit awardees that were in the GAP non-profit program or the NH Veterans COVID 19 Relief and Support Fund - Traditional Veterans Services Support and Veteran Services Organization Support program.

Based on the foregoing, GOFERR respectfully requests that the authorizations for these programs be amended as requested to allow the continued use of the 2020 grants through the end of 2021 for additional 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell
Executive Director, GOFERR