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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Department of Justice to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $2,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for the purpose of subgranting funds to state agencies and municipalities to aid with activities related to relaxed COVID-19 restrictions effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 upon the approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in account #02-20-20-201510; Department of Justice, Grants Administration, 24xx - ARPAGrant as follows. All transactions will be accounted for using activity codes, to be determined and assigned by the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery:

Class/Expense	Class Title	SFY 2022 Budget
072-509073	Grants-Federal	$1,800,000
085-5885XX	Interagency Transfer Out Of Federal Funds	$200,000
Total		$2,000,000
Source of Funds		
000-400338	Federal Funds	$2,000,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Justice is requesting to accept and expend funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for the purpose of subgranting those funds to state agencies and municipalities to manage activities related to relaxed COVID-19 restrictions.

Federal award funds, for this item, are budgeted to support grant activities as follows:

072-509073-Grants to municipalities and payment for administration of the grant.
085-5885XX-Grants to state agencies.

Due to relaxed COVID-19 rules and restrictions and increased post-pandemic demand for travel, hospitality, tourism, and other services, it is expected that the State will see a heavy influx of resident and tourist activity. Although this is a very welcome change, it also poses a challenge to state agencies and municipalities in managing large groups of people and dealing with increases in tourist and other activities that may lead to unrest or other security challenges. Subgrants may include, but not be limited to, paying for safety items, funding overtime for local police departments, and increasing personnel resources. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1) (C) for maintenance and building of critical state infrastructure necessary for government services.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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