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Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Education to accept and expend Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Cost Reimbursement funds in the amount of \$3,318,290 from the United States Department of Agriculture, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

School Nutrition EOC-NSLP  
Account: 06-56-56-562010-32580000

Class	Description	FY 22
<u>Income</u>		
000-400374	Federal Funds	(\$3,318,290)
<u>Expenditures</u>		
072-500577	Grants Federal	\$3,318,290

**EXPLANATION**

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE), Bureau of Student Wellness, Office of Nutrition Programs and Services received the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Cost Reimbursement Grant through Section 722 of PL 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, Title VII, Chapter 3. These funds allow the state to allocate additional reimbursement funds to local operators of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) who incurred additional emergency

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The NH DOE has been awarded the requested \$3,318,290 for the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement and one hundred percent of the grant award will be allocated to all eligible program operators. The state will allocate the funds no later than September 30, 2021, and obligated funds will be expended no later than September 30, 2021.

The NH DOE, upon receipt of regulatory and guidance documents from the United States Department of Agriculture, will reimburse funds to NSLP and SBP program sponsors based on the payment calculation provided by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. The NH DOE will pay reimbursements and deliver funds via the existing reporting and application software, the online MyNHDOE Food and Nutrition System (F&N).

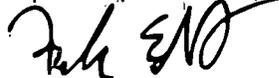
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**APPROPRIATION EXPLANATION**

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

Respectfully submitted,



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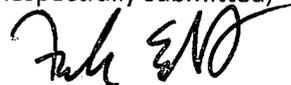
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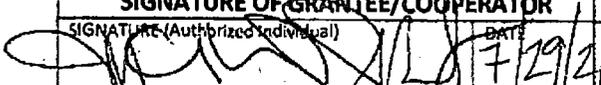
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE		1. GRANT/AGREEMENT NO. USDA-FNS-PAN-CN-EMOP-NERO-NH		2. FEDERAL AWARD DATE 7/1/2021	
<b>GRANT/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT</b>		3. IS THIS AN R&D AWARD? NO		5. UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER NUMBER (DUNS)	
		4. CFDA NUMBER 10.555		6. FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FAIN) 808590277	
7. FEDERAL AWARDDING AGENCY USDA Food and Nutrition Service		8. CFDA NAME National School Lunch Program			
9. RECIPIENT NAME Bureau of Nutrition Programs and Services New Hampshire Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 Cheri White, MS, SNS, Administrator		10. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA H170344			
		11. AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED BY THIS ACTION 3,318,290		12. TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED 3,318,290	
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14. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE New Hampshire		15. BUDGET APPROVED BY AWARDDING AGENCY 3,318,290			
		16. TOTAL APPROVED COST SHARING/MATCHING (WHERE APPLICABLE) N/A N/A		17. INDIRECT COST RATE FOR THE FEDERAL AWARD (PLEASE INCLUDE IF THE DE MINIMIS RATE IS CHARGED) 0.00	
18. MAIL REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO N/A		19. SPONSOR (SPONSORING FNS PROGRAM)			
		20. START DATE 12/27/2020		21. END DATE 09/30/2021	
22. FEDERAL AWARD PROJECT DESCRIPTION					
The Grantee/Cooperator hereby assures and certifies that they will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements as they relate to the applications, acceptance, and use of Federal funds for this Federally-assisted project including: 2 CFR Chapter I (Office of Management and Budget Government-wide Guidance for Grants and Agreements) and Chapter II (Office of Management and Budget Guidance) as well as 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards); and any USDA Implementing regulations, such as 2 CFR Part 400 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), 2 CFR Part 415 (General Program Administrative Regulations), 2 CFR Part 416 (General Program Administrative Regulations for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), and 2 CFR Part 418 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).					
23. REMARKS					
This grant is to provide Emergency Operational funds to Child Nutrition State agencies to provide local operators with funds for emergency operating costs they incurred during the public health emergency.					
<b>SIGNATURE OF GRANTEE/COOPERATOR</b>			<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>		
SIGNATURE (Authorized Individual)		DATE	SIGNATURE (Grant Official)		DATE
		7/29/21	LIZBETH SILBERMANN Digitally signed by LIZBETH SILBERMANN Date: 2021.07.29 16:50:33 -0400		
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