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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Information Services, to accept and expend funds from the University of New Hampshire that are from New Hampshire's Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5), in the amount of \$937,625, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Other Funds.

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Class/Object	Class Title	SFY 22 Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Budget
SFY22				
000-408159	Federal Funds	\$ 20,641,332.00	\$ -	\$ 20,641,332.00
009-407085	Other Funds	\$ 6,709.00	\$ 937,625.00	\$ 944,334.00
	General Funds	\$ 27,967,989.00	\$ -	\$ 27,967,989.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 48,616,030.00	\$ 937,625.00	\$ 49,553,655.00

Class/Object	Class Title	SFY 22 Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Budget
SFY22				
010-500100	Personal Svcs Classified	\$ 507,174.00	\$ -	\$ 507,174.00
012-500128	Personal Svcs Unclassified	\$ 952,635.00	\$ -	\$ 952,635.00
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
027-582703	Transfers to DoIT	\$ 45,094,785.00	\$ -	\$ 45,094,785.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 41,390.00	\$ -	\$ 41,390.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 18,027.00	\$ -	\$ 18,027.00
042-500802	Add'd Fringe Benefits	\$ 64,424.00	\$ -	\$ 64,424.00
050-500109	Personal Svcs Temporary	\$ 168,471.00	\$ -	\$ 168,471.00
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 43,115.00	\$ -	\$ 43,115.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 779,009.00	\$ -	\$ 779,009.00
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
080-500714	Out-Of State Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Ser	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 937,625.00	\$ 1,737,625.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 48,616,030.00	\$ 937,625.00	\$ 49,553,655.00

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept and expend grant funds from the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families awarded to the University of New Hampshire in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The three-year PDG grant provides the state the much-needed opportunity to build an early childhood care and education (ECCE) system that supports New Hampshire's vision that "all families are afforded comprehensive and responsive supports, so they are healthy, learning, and thriving now and in the future."

The purpose of this request is to accept funds from the PDG, administered through UNH, to expand an existing Data analytics contract that will enable the integration of data from multiple programs and systems. The State has an existing infrastructure to support the security and privacy of the data as well as conform to all data sharing agreements associated with the data. This Enterprise Business Intelligence (EBI) environment is managed and operated by the Department of Information Technology and enhanced through professional services through a competitively bid contract with Deloitte. By having the data available in the EBI, we will be able to securely link information in an unidentifiable, aggregate representation across health and early learning programs providing data driven analysis of information from multiple program areas, creating the opportunity to utilize the information gathered to improve services as well as improve outcomes for the children being served.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Other Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.A.S.' with a flourish underneath.

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Dear Associate Commissioner Santaniello,

I would like to thank the NH Department of Health and Human Services for its support of New Hampshire's Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5) work under the renewal awarded to the University of New Hampshire. We are grateful for the Department's role in helping us enhance the quality of early experiences for our children and families.

As outlined in the PDG B-5 grant proposal (submitted as an addendum to the letter), we are supporting data interoperability efforts between NH DHHS. The work will be facilitated by state staff and UNH employees, to integrate data sources into the State of New Hampshire Enterprise Business Intelligence Platform.

To help ensure that the integrated data system is beneficial to the early childhood system, I am writing to inform you that we would like to award NH DHHS a total of \$937,625 to help cover the cost of the data analytics platform needed for this work. In particular, these funds will support a professional services team to extract, transform, load, and analyze data. We anticipate that DHHS will work with their preferred contractor for the services, and work across systems and agencies to invoice for associated costs via two identified funds specific to data integration (\$750,000) and PDG supplemental funds (\$187,625). Upon the completion of the 2020-2022 PDG B-5 grant the data analytics platform would stay in the possession of the state of NH.

We are delighted by the opportunity to support the continued collaboration as outlined in the PDG B-5. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information to expedite the request.

Kindest Regards,

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