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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, NH 03301

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 \$579,860 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-CACFP
Account: 06-56-56-562010-32590000

Class	Description	FY 22
<u>Income</u>		
000-400374	Federal Funds	(\$579,860)
<u>Expenditures</u>		
072-500577	Grants to Schools-Federal	\$579,860

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 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) who incurred additional emergency operating costs during the public health

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emergency. Throughout this exceptionally challenging time, program operators experienced widespread and significant gaps in funding, and in many cases were forced to expend their savings, draw funds from other sources, and cut or even suspend operations. The relief provided by these reimbursements is intended to help address such shortfalls and ensure that program operators are in the best position to rebuild while continuing to serve their communities. The Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement funds cannot be used for any other activity.

The NH DOE has been awarded the requested \$579,860 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 CACFP 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).

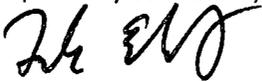
In support of the objectives noted above, the Department commits to: Notify each sponsor through the information/ guidance letter those CACFP organizations that have not resumed operations due to COVID to date, an additional assurance statement will be sent with the letter. These documents will be sent via email. For entities that must submit an assurance statement: No money will be disseminated to entities that must submit an assurance statement until the statement is signed and returned to the NH DOE. Tracking of the assurance statement entities will be done on the CACFP payment excel spreadsheet report. In addition, the information/guidance letter will notify the CACFP program operator that a survey will be disseminated no later than September 30, 2021 that must be completed and will request detailed information on the use of the funds.

APPROPRIATION EXPLANATION

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
072	Grants Federal	Appropriation for the distribution of funds to grant sub-recipients.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE		1. GRANT/AGREEMENT NO. USDA-FNS-PAN-CACFP-EMOP-NERO-NH		2. FEDERAL AWARD DATE 7/1/2021	
GRANT/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT		3. IS THIS AN R&D AWARD? NO		5. UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER NUMBER (DUNS) 808590277	
		4. CFDA NUMBER 10.558		6. FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FAIN)	
7. FEDERAL AWARDDING AGENCY USDA Food and Nutrition Service		8. CFDA NAME Child and Adult Care Food 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 H170644			
		11. AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED BY THIS ACTION 579,860		12. TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED 579,860	
		13. TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FEDERAL AWARD 579,860			
14. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE New Hampshire		15. BUDGET APPROVED BY AWARDDING AGENCY 579,860			
		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 1 (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.					
SIGNATURE OF GRANTEE/COOPERATOR			UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
SIGNATURE (Authorized Individual)		DATE	SIGNATURE (Grant Official)		DATE
		7/29/21			
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