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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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September 22, 2021

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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 Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services to accept and expend Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/ARP grant funds from the US Department of Education in the amount of \$1,218,273 effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-095-093-930010-NEW XXXX HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS;
HHS: DLTSS-DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS; DIV OF DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS, NEWXXXX**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Adjusted Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
SFY22				
Revenue				
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 1,218,273	\$ 1,218,273
	General Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ -	\$ 1,218,273	\$ 1,218,273
Expense				
020-500217	Current Expense	\$ -	\$ 112,555	\$ 112,555
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ -	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500
022-500258	Rents-Leases	\$ -	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ -	\$ 1,218	\$ 1,218
068-500562	Remuneration	\$ -	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000
074-500585	Grants for Public Asst & Relief	\$ -	\$ 970,000	\$ 970,000
Total Expense:		\$ -	\$ 1,218,273	\$ 1,218,273

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept and expend grant funds available for SFY 2022-2023 to administer Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) grant funds from the US Department of Education. Part C Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS) provides support and services to eligible infants and toddlers birth through 2 years who demonstrate a developmental delay, are at risk for developmental delay, or have a diagnosed disability and their families throughout New Hampshire (NH). The US Census April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 identified 37,205 infants and toddlers (birth – 3 years) in NH. Part C FCESS served 5.66% of this population and 84% served self-identified as white race.

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During the COVID-19 State Emergency, Part C FCESS referrals decreased by 40% and enrollment decreased by 700 infants and toddlers. FCESS received 71% of referrals from medical providers (PCPs, Hospitals, and NICU) and 18% from families/relatives. Referrals from childcare centers, schools, and soup kitchens make up approximately 2% of referrals. Families and children spend time in many other locations such as libraries, shelters, and WIC programs within their local communities. Outreach to these and other community services will increase awareness and referrals to FCESS resulting in increased access to these important services for New Hampshire families with young children.

The ARP funds will be used to carryout IDEA Part C Public Awareness and Child Find activities, which requires the state to identify and evaluate all infants and toddlers eligible for Part C FCESS. This funding will increase awareness, enhance access and provide equity for all eligible infants and toddlers and their families by developing and implementing a statewide Marketing Campaign. The Marketing Campaign will increase awareness and understanding of what FCESS provides to the infants and toddlers and their families of NH. The marketing materials will include a statewide brochure, videos, and presentations to community agencies, which will be provided by specially trained local FCESS providers across the state. Local FCESS providers will participate in workgroups with the selected marketing vendor to develop materials and conduct local community presentations.

Informational and marketing documents will be translated into languages as recommended by the Office of Health and Equity (OHE). The translation of documents will increase equity and awareness of the Part C FCESS System among non-English readers and increase referrals and access. Local FCESS providers will participate in workgroups to ensure statewide FCESS documents and materials are up-to-date, accurate, and ready for translation and printing.

Additionally, ARP funds will be used to purchase ASQ 4th Edition developmental screening materials from Brookes Publishing for distribution to and use by local Family Resources Centers and Early Childhood Care and Education programs. These materials will increase referrals to FCESS and increase families' awareness and access to supports and services needed to enhance their infant's or toddler's development.

In collaboration with local programs and parent agencies, an Educational Surrogate Parent training will be developed to increase the Part C Surrogate Parent pool of individuals for children involved with the Division for Children, Youth, and Families. Educational Surrogate Parents are vital in providing consent for FCESS evaluation and services for children when a biological parent cannot be accessed. This project will include the establishment of workgroups to develop the training and materials.

Finally, staff learned through the COVID-19 Emergency that many families lack the technology needed to participate in remote services. Local programs will submit documentation requesting ARP funds to increase families' ability to benefit from FCESS. The use of technology for families will increase access to important needed services.

The funds will be used as follows:

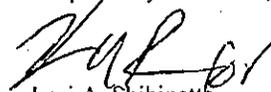
Class 020	Expenses related to printing of revised informational materials.
Class 021	Meeting accommodations for trainings and community presentations.
Class 022	Expenses related to rental of meeting space and audio/visual equipment.
Class 041	Audit costs per state requirements.
Class 068	Stipends for presenters and attendees for trainings and presentations in addition to participation in project workgroups.
Class 074	Contracts for the marketing campaign, translation services, developmental screening tools, technology and the education surrogate program.

Area Served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori A. Shibinclet
Commissioner



**US Department of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202**

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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

1	RECIPIENT NAME NH DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 129 PLEASANT STREET CONCORD, NH 03301 - 3857	2	AWARD INFORMATION PRAWARD NUMBER H181X210127 ACTION NUMBER 1 ACTION TYPE New AWARD TYPE Formula							
3	PROJECT STAFF RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR Nicole Bushaw (603) 271-4498 <u>Nicole.M.Bushaw@dhhs.nh.gov</u> EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Gregory Corr (202) 245-7309 <u>gregg.corr@ed.gov</u> EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDESK 888-336-8930 <u>edcaps.user@ed.gov</u>	4	PROJECT DESCRIPTION 84.181X Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)							
5	KEY PERSONNEL N/A									
6	AWARD PERIODS BUDGET PERIOD 07/01/2021 - 09/30/2022 FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD 07/01/2021 - 09/30/2022 FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS N/A									
7	AUTHORIZED FUNDING CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT \$1,218,273.00 PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT \$0.00 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT \$1,218,273.00									
8	ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION DUNS/SSN 011040545 REGULATIONS CFR PART 303 EDGAR AS APPLICABLE 2 CFR AS APPLICABLE ATTACHMENTS 3 , 8 , 9 , 11 , 12 , 13 , 14 , GE3 , GE4 , GES									
9	LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA AUTHORITY: PL 105-17/117-1 PT-C – INFANT, TODDLERS AND FAMILIES INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM TITLE: SPECIAL EDUCATION - GRANTS FOR INFANTS AND FAMILIES WITH DISABILITIES CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO: 84.181X									
	FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	AWARD YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMITATION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT
	0300X	2021	2021	EH000000	B	K9L	000	181	4101A	\$1,218,273.00



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number (FAIN) to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FAIN. If subawards are permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/AWARD NUMBER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this grant. The term subaward means:
 - 1. A legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient. (See 2 CFR 200.331(a))
 - 2. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) of the OMB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
 - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract. (See 2 CFR 200.1)
- (2) The negotiated indirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this GAN applies to this grant award.
- (3) WHEN ISSUING STATEMENTS, PRESS RELEASES, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, BID SOLICITATIONS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING THIS PROJECT OR PROGRAMS FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH FEDERAL MONEY, ALL GRANTEEES RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHALL STATE CLEARLY:
 - 1) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT,
 - 2) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FINANCED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS, AND
 - 3) THE PERCENTAGE AND DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FINANCED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES.

AS OF 07/01/97, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) WILL REFER TO THE YEAR THE FUNDS WERE APPROPRIATED.
- (4) UNDER THE "TYDINGS AMENDMENT," SECTION 421(b) OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1225(b), ANY FUNDS THAT ARE NOT OBLIGATED AT THE END OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 6 SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

Validity unknown

Digitally signed by Yvette Thompson

Date: Fri Jul 02 13:19:45 EDT 2021



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