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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 12, 2021

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

## REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to enter into grant agreements without further approval and waive MOP 150, V, A, 6, using terms and conditions (see template attached) and in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for a matching grant program for towns and municipalities. The program will allow reimbursement for safety and emergency equipment investments incurred by December 31, 2022 that are allowable expenses under the ARPA SFRF. This is an allowable use of ARP SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are available as follows:

01-02-002-020210-Office of the Director,  
24690000<sup>1</sup> - ARP Grants and Disbursements

072-500575 - Grants Federal

FY2022  
\$12,000,000

## EXPLANATION

GOFERR will accept applications and issue grants to cities and towns throughout the state for up to \$50,000 for reimbursement of safety and emergency equipment investments needed to assist in response to the COVID-19 health crisis that are allowable expenses under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

This matching grant program is designed to assist the State's cities and towns as they continue to respond to the pandemic and related public safety challenges. GOFERR will accept grant applications into June 2022 and make awards for expenses and cost increases in accordance with the terms and conditions in the attached template. The terms and conditions will be part of the application that

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0206A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0206Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

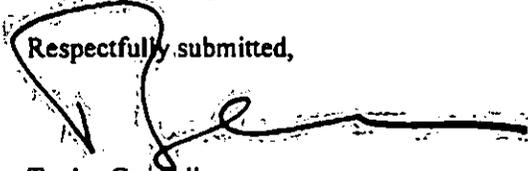
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must be submitted by an entity for an award in this program and will become the grant agreement when an award is approved by GOFERR.

This program will also require cities and towns to contribute at least 10 percent toward the cost of the safety or emergency equipment, resulting in a 90/10 split of equipment purchases up to the maximum state share of \$50,000. Awards will be paid on a reimbursement basis when the expense or expenses have been incurred or the funds obligated through a purchase order or something similar.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell,  
Executive Director, GOFERR

## **Agreement and Certification**

### **Record Retention:**

If an award is made as a result of this Application, the Applicant/Awardee is required to retain all records pertaining to matters covered by this Application and any resulting award, including, but not limited to, all expense records for 5 years from December 31, 2022. Any award resulting from this Application may be subject to Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) (hereinafter "State") or federal audit requirements. For the period from the end date of the grant award period and for five (5) years thereafter, at any time during the normal business hours of the Applicant/Awardee, and as often as the State, or federal auditors, shall demand, the Applicant/Awardee shall make available to the State or federal auditors all records pertaining to matters covered by this Application and any resulting award. The Applicant/Awardee shall permit the State, or federal auditors, to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all records, including, but not limited to, all income received, contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, and other information pertaining to all matters covered by this Application and any resulting award.

### **Binding Contract:**

The Applicant/Awardee understands, agrees and accepts that, while there is no legal obligation for the State to make an award to Applicant/Awardee based on this Application, this Application will be used to determine the eligibility of the Applicant/Awardee for an award that will be paid based on a reimbursement basis for approved expenses that are incurred or obligated prior to December 31, 2022. Any Awards in this program are funded by the State's allocation of funds from the United States Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act, SFRF, CFDA number 21.027, The Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) SLFRP0145. The Applicant/Awardee understands, agrees and accepts that this Application, and the terms contained herein, any requirements in the Program Description and any Frequently Ask Questions about this program posted on the GOFERR website, and any requirements in the notice of award, will become a binding contract if the determination is made to provide the Applicant/Awardee with an award in any amount.

### **Public Disclosure Notification:**

The business names and addresses of all Applicants, and the amount of every award made to all Applicants/Awardees, will be public information, subject to disclosure, and may be posted on the GOFERR website. Because only local government is eligible for awards in this program, any information obtained through this application and the application is also generally subject to disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV.

### **Certification:**

By signing this application Applicant/Awardee hereby certifies that the equipment that has/will be purchased with this award is necessary to provide or improve public safety and/or public

health and that Applicant/Awardee has not received reimbursement for this equipment from any other Federal source.

The Applicant/Awardee hereby certifies that all information provided in this Application is true, complete, accurate, and up-to-date as of the date specified below. The Applicant/Awardee further certifies that there are no misrepresentations of information provided. The Applicant/Awardee understands that it must immediately notify GOFERR in regards to any changes, corrections, or updates to the information provided.

**Agreement to Electronic Signature:**

By submitting this Application and checking the box for acceptance, the Applicant/Awardee understands, agrees and accepts use of its electronic signature as binding and final in accordance with all terms of RSA 294-E, the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.