



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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October 25, 2021

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to accept and expend the Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Grant award in the amount of \$200,200 effective upon date of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds

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Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-404134	Federal Funds	\$ 275,728	\$ 200,200	\$ 475,928
	General Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ 275,728	\$ 200,200	\$ 475,928
Expense				
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 195	\$ 200	\$ 395
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 240,533	\$ 200,000	\$ 440,533
Total Expense:		\$ 275,728	\$ 200,200	\$ 475,928

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept the grant funds associated with Administration for Children & Families, Sec 473A of the Social Security Act under part B (Including post-adoption services) and part E of the title IV of the Act.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.

DCYF will use these funds to contract with Binti. Binti provides a subscription software product that drives measurable results and promotes quality practice through two modules, foster care licensing approvals module and child matching placement module. Both modules are accessed through one portal that will be used by DCYF, child placing agencies, and foster care applicants, for initial and renewals applications. A third feature to the Binti products is a public website for foster care inquiry, information and recruitment management.

The website is custom built specifically for inquiry and recruitment management that provides key information for those who wish to apply for a foster care license and entry to start the application process. The website will gather analytics which the agency does not currently have automated and is a key feature.

The foster care licensing approval module has a number of key features and fills the following areas of need: improve accessibility, ease of use, conditional logic, increase transparency, decrease duplicative work, upload documents, and automate reminders. The service allows for an unlimited number of users at no additional cost. Binti has a proven track record of 60-80% increase in number of families licensed per year, 20% decrease in number of days to license families and a 20-40% savings in social worker time.

The administrative features will provide real-time dashboards of applicant progress, customization of forms to agency specifications, staff oversight and robust data reporting system. Heat Map reports shows all families' geography. Sstatus change report shows the number of approvals/withdrawals/denials over time. Recruiting report shows all recruiting success over time. Agency current data collection processes do not allow for all levels of the agency to access and view such data reports.

The second module is specific to placement matching. This module will allow staff to have a bird's eye view of all foster family homes based on their capacity, availability, location, child preference and special flags, and where all current placements are via a map view. This module will have the greatest impact improving efficiency and allowing for centralized information, as well as ability to reach a grouping of selected foster homes in search of placement for a particular child.

Without the implementation of Binti subscription software products, foster care recruitment, licensing, and placement matching will continue to not meet the needs of children and staff. Tracking and data analysis will continue to be cumbersome using such tools as Excel and not be accessible to all agency staff in real time. Ensuring and sustaining a lean process and oversight of programmatic goals will continue to fall short.

Funds are being budgeted in:

Audit Costs (class 041) per state requirements

Contracts for Program Services (class 102) to contract with Binti

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner

AIPP 2019 Amount 281,543 (10/1/18-12/31/22)



ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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September 18, 2019

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Div. for Children, Youth and Families State Office

Director New Hampshire Dept of Health and Human Services Division for Children, Youth and Families 129 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301-3852

Re: Notice of Grant Award Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Payments Program FY 2019

Dear Grantee:

The following award is for the program year indicated for the Program in accordance with Sec 473A of the Social Security Act. These funds are to be expended for costs under part B (including post-adoption services) and part E of title IV of the Act.

Award Amount: \$281,543.00

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program Number	Entity Identification Number (EIN)	Appropriation Number	Grant Document Number (GDN)	Common Accounting Number (CAN)
93.603	1028000618B3	75-1920-1536	1901NHAIPP	2019G99A119

These funds must be obligated no later than 09/30/2022 (See Sec 473A(e) of the Act) and liquidated no later than 12/31/2022 (See 45 CFR 92.23(b)). The final financial report for this award must be submitted no later than the liquidation deadline stated above.

With the acceptance of this award, you agree to administer this grant in compliance with conditions set forth in the applicable Program Instructions, terms and conditions, Departmental regulations, and OMB Circulars. Further, in accordance with Department of Treasury regulations 31 CFR Part 205, implementing the Cash Management Improvement Act, you agree to limit your request to draw Federal funds to the minimum amount needed and to time the request in accordance with the actual, immediate requirements in carrying out programs funded through this award. Failure to adhere to these requirements may cause the suspension of grant funds.

Grant funds are made available through the HHS Payment Management System (PMS). Questions concerning payments should be directed to: Division of Payment Management, PO Box 6021, Rockville, Maryland 20852 (Internet web site: http://www.dpm.psc.gov), to the PMS Help Desk at (877) 614-5533. Other questions concerning this award should be directed to the Regional Grants Officer, Administration for Children and Families.

Please transmit a copy of this letter to the office authorized to request funds covered by this award notice.

Sincerely, Mr. George Barnwell Director Division of Mandatory Grants