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October 15, 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

1. Pursuant to RSA 124:15 and contingent upon approval of Requested Action #2, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman to create one new part-time position for the Ombudsmen program effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$49,750 from the (OMC6) American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Ombudsman Program under Title VII of the OAA effective upon approval by the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

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05-095-095-952010-24XXXXXX HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS; HHS:OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION; OFFICE OF PROGRAM SUPPORT; ARPA LTCO TITLE VII

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Adjusted Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 49,750	\$ 49,750
	General Funds		\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ -	\$ 49,750	\$ 49,750
Expense				
041-500801	Audit Set Aside		\$ 50	\$ 50
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoin		\$ 46,168	\$ 46,168
060-500601	Benefits		\$ 3,532	\$ 3,532
Total Expense:		\$ -	\$ 49,750	\$ 49,750

EXPLANATION

Title VII authorizes the long-term care ombudsman program as well as Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Prevention Programs. This request is being made to accept additional grant funds available for SFY 2022 directed at the long-term care ombudsman program, which investigates and resolves complaints of residents in nursing facilities, board and care facilities, and other adult care homes. These funds are requested to be accepted to continue to fund a temporary part time position in the Office of the Long Term Ombudsman office being requested by the use of the American Rescue Act Funds. This temporary position would supplement the current staffing to meet the additional needs for Ombudsman Services created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Long Term Care Ombudsmen are advocates for residents of Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities in New Hampshire. They work with residents, their families and providers to resolve complaints. They provide education and consultation to consumers and providers about resident's rights, good care practices, and legislative and policy issues as well as promote the development of Resident and Family Councils and provide support. Funds are being budgeted in class 050 (Personal Serv. Temp Appoint), Class 060 (Benefits) and Class 041 (Audit Costs) per state requirements.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

- 1) List of personnel involved: 1 temporary part time Omsbudsman, LG 25
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration: The COVID-19 pandemic has created additional needs and requests for Ombudsman services to address isolation and care issues. The LTC Ombudsman visit with residents living in LTC and provide consultation services to LTC Providers, family, and friends of LTC residents. These funds will allow the LTC Ombudsman Program to continue to fund the part time position, Ombudsman, requested by the use of the (CARES) Act funding for LTC Ombudsman.
- 3) Relationship to existing agency program: The position will be assisting with additional work requested by individuals living in Long Term Care and their families due to COVID-19. This position will also be

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working with the State LTC Ombudsman and the Commission on Aging to develop a Statewide Family Council to support Long Term Care.

- 4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No.
- 5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? This is additional funding provided by the American Rescue Act to provide additional support to residents living in Long Term Care during the COVID-19 pandemic. This additional funding was not known at the time of budget submission.
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? All grant dollars are being used for this request.
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): DHHS does not expect to continue this position after the funds are exhausted.

Area Served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal from the (OMC6) American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Ombudsman Program under Title VII of the OAA.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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7/9/21

Notice of Award

Title of Program: (OMC6) American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Ombudsman Program under Title VII of the OAA
Award Authority: P.L. 117-2 under P.L. 116-131 (OAA)

Grantee:
New Hampshire
Dept of Health and Human Services
Office of Family Services Elderly & Adult Services
Director
129, Pleasant St.
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

Date: May 3, 2021
Grant No.: 2101NHOMC6-00
Award Instrument: Grant (Formula)
Project Period: 04-01-2021 - 09-30-2024
Budget Period: 04-01-2021 - 09-30-2024

EIN: 1026000618B1
DUNS#: 011040545

CFDA: 93.042

Object Class Code: 41.15

Appropriation	CAN	Award This Action	Cumulative Grant Award to Date
75-X-0142	2021,299C6OM	\$49,750.00	\$49,750.00
	Total	\$49,750.00	\$49,750.00

ACL Contact Information:
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Emmanuel Ekwo
ACL Grants Officer

Terms and Conditions:

1. This formula grant award is issued under the authority of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, P.L. 117-2 for activities authorized under Title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended through P.L. 116-131, enacted March 25, 2020. The terms and conditions of this Notice of Award (NoA) and other requirements have the following order of precedence: (1) statute; (2) executive order; (3) program regulation; (4) administrative regulation found in 45 CFR Part 75; (5) agency policies; and (6) Any additional terms and conditions and remarks on NoA.

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