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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, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$4,004,000 which will be used to pay for testing at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) lab for Long Term Care Facilities effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.¹ 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9514A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9514Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$62,353,158	\$4,004,000	\$66,357,158
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	\$62,353,158	\$4,004,000	\$66,357,158
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$0	\$1
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$41,023	\$4,000	\$45,023
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Ground	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$48,685,657	\$4,000,000	\$52,685,657
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
	Total Expenses	\$62,353,158	\$4,004,000	\$66,357,158

EXPLANATION

The Department has a contract with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) to pay for testing at the UNH lab for Long Term Care Facilities. Currently the contract, which ends on December 31, 2021, has exhausted its initial funding due to increased outbreak testing demands. It is estimated another \$4-6 million will be required to extend the contract through March 2022 depending on test needs. Previously, the Division of Public Health's Epidemiology, Laboratory, Capacity (ELC) grant funds were used; however, additional funds under that grant are not available. FEMA funding will be used for the public and non-profit facilities testing. The private for profit facilities are not eligible for FEMA funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.

Class 102 – The funds will be used to pay for the contract amendment with the University of New Hampshire described above.

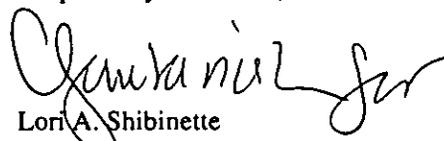
Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

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

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Respectfully submitted,



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