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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) to accept and expend carryover funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled *Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees*, to implement recommendations of the NH Maternal Mortality Review Committee as per RSA 132:30, resulting in reduced maternal deaths in the amount of \$76,028 effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-90-902010-3487 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES, MATERNAL MORTALITY SFY 22**

| Class/Object          | Class Title                    | Current Modified Budget | Increase (Decrease) Amount | Revised Modified Budget |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 000-400146            | Federal Funds                  | \$135,864               | \$76,028                   | \$211,892               |
|                       | General Funds                  | \$0                     | \$0                        | \$0                     |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  |                                | <b>\$135,864</b>        | <b>\$76,028</b>            | <b>\$211,892</b>        |
| 020-500200            | Current Expenses               | \$7,900                 | \$59,040                   | \$66,940                |
| 026-500251            | Organizational Dues            | \$250                   | \$0                        | \$250                   |
| 037-500173            | Technology-Hardware            | \$1,200                 | \$0                        | \$1,200                 |
| 038-500177            | Technology-Software            | \$300                   | \$10,000                   | \$10,300                |
| 039-500188            | Telecommunications             | \$720                   | \$0                        | \$720                   |
| 041-500801            | Audit Fund Set Aside           | \$150                   | \$76                       | \$226                   |
| 070-500704            | In-State Travel                | \$1,740                 | \$0                        | \$1,740                 |
| 080-500710            | Out-of-State Travel            | \$2,500                 | \$0                        | \$2,500                 |
| 102-500731            | Contracts for Program Services | \$121,104               | \$6,912                    | \$128,016               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |                                | <b>\$135,864</b>        | <b>\$76,028</b>            | <b>\$211,892</b>        |

**EXPLANATION**

This request is being made to accept grant funds available for SFY 2022 to administer and implement recommendations of the New Hampshire Maternal Mortality Review Committee (NH MMRC) as per RSA 132:30. These funds are being carried forward from previous grant periods and being made available for use in the current grant period.

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

The NH MMRC's function is to review any death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year following pregnancy. The goal of the NH MMRC is to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in New Hampshire. The multidisciplinary NH MMRC reviews these cases and makes recommendations based on each reviewed maternal death. These recommendations may be for patients/family, providers, facilities or systems and communities. These recommendations are put forth in order to improve the lives of future pregnant women and their families. In New Hampshire, opioid overdose is a leading cause of pregnancy-associated deaths. Many of the recommendations thus focus on trainings related to substance use disorder in the pregnant person for a variety of audiences, including, but not limited to health care providers, recovery coaches and the public. The Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network (NNEPQIN) at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital will provide some of this training.

Funding will also go towards transcription software to aid in abstractions done through familial interviews as per He-P 3013.05. Familial interviews provide additional depth to the full abstraction done by the NH MMRC's two abstractors. De-identified data is then presented as per RSA 132:30 to the full NH MMRC for discussion and identification of recommendations.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 020 These funds will be used to support NH MMRC recommended training and conferences in topical areas such as, but not limited to, the initiation and completion of the Plan of Safe Care, differentiation between pregnancy associated and pregnancy related classifications in overdose deaths, recovery coach certification and harm reduction in the SUD patient.
- Class 038 These funds will be utilized for transcription software in the abstraction process.
- Class 041 The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.
- Class 102 A contract amendment will be done with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, NNEPQIN for training on substance misuse in the pregnant population.

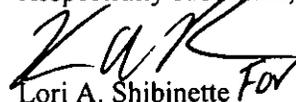
In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?" the Division offers the following information: The funds are provided for a specified purpose by the CDC as defined in the Notice of Grant Award and cannot be used to offset general funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Commissioner

**AWARD HISTORY  
Maternal Mortality  
AU 34870000**

|          |   |                                 |
|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees<br>1 NUDP006693<br>Expanded Authority allowed<br>(150000/12*10) |                                 |
| <b>B</b> | Award Ending 9/29/2020<br>1 NUDP006693-01-00-Year 1<br>Carryforward from Year 1 award per expanded authority                                | <b>150,000</b><br><b>80,034</b> |
|          | Award Ending 9/29/2021<br>5 NU58DP006693-02-00-Year 2   | <b>150,000</b>                  |
|          | Award Ending 9/29/2022<br>5 NU58DP006693-03-00 - Year 3   | <b>112,500</b>                  |
| <b>C</b> | Expended through 6/30/21  | <b>(170,323)</b>                |
| <b>D</b> | Unobligated Balance Unable to Spend   | <u>-</u>                        |
| <b>E</b> | Award Balance 7/1/21  | <b>\$ 322,211</b>               |
| <b>F</b> | SFY 22 Appropriation **   | <b>(86,038)</b>                 |
| <b>G</b> | Balance Forward   | <u><b>(49,826)</b></u>          |
| <b>H</b> | Available to Accept in SFY 22   | <b>186,346</b>                  |
| <b>I</b> | Amount Requested this Action  | <u><u><b>76,028</b></u></u>     |

**\*\* SFY 22 Appropriation**

|          | <b>010-090-34870000</b>   | <b>Current</b>              | <b>OYR</b>             | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>This Action</b>          | <b>Revised Budget</b>        |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>J</b> | <b>Maternal Mortality</b> | <b>86,038</b>               | <b>49,826</b>          | <b>135,864</b>               | <b>76,028</b>               | <b>211,892</b>               |
|          | <b>Total</b>              | <u><u><b>86,038</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>-</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>135,864</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>76,028</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>211,892</b></u></u> |