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January 25, 2022.

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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health to reallocate federal funds, in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the performance of work associated with the State Opioid Response Grant effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approvals through September 29, 2022. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-92-920510-70400000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT, HHS:
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES, SOR GRANT**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SFY22 Current Adjusted Authorized</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>Revised SFY22 Adjusted Authorized</u>
000 - 400146	Federal Funds	\$55,034,076	\$0	\$55,034,076
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		\$55,034,076	\$0	\$55,034,076
020 - 500200	Current Expenses	\$43,850	\$4,000,000	\$4,043,850
038 - 500175	Technology-Software	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
039 - 500190	Telecommunications	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
041 - 500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$31,203	\$0	\$31,203
042 - 500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$34,380	\$0	\$34,380
059 - 500117	Temp Full Time	\$400,922	\$0	\$400,922
060 - 500601	Benefits	\$275,716	\$0	\$275,716
070 - 500700	In State Travel Reimburseme	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
074 - 500585	Grants For Pub Asst And Rel	\$24,900,000	(\$4,000,000)	\$20,900,000
085 - 588546	Interagcy Xfr Out Of Fed Fn	\$2,908,623	\$0	\$2,908,623
102 - 500731	Contracts For Program Servi	\$26,422,381	\$0	\$26,422,381
	Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$55,034,076	\$0	\$55,034,076

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EXPLANATION

The purpose of the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant is to address the Opioid Crisis through the enhancement of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services and supports to individuals impacted by opioid misuse. In 2022, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expanded the focus population to include those impacted by stimulant misuse. The cornerstone of NH's efforts are the nine regionally located Doorways, which provide entry points to the system of care, distribute naloxone on behalf of the Department, and assist clients with meeting substance use disorder treatment and basic needs. SOR funding is also being used to improve treatment provider capacity, increase delivery of evidence-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), support the network of peer-run recovery community centers, and increase the availability of high quality recovery housing.

A number of factors converged which prevented DHHS from spending the full amount of the FFY20 award, including a delay in receiving the Notice of Award from SAMHSA, the time it takes to go through the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council processes for accepting the funding, and the processes required to conduct procurements for the services. All of this, combined with the disruption experienced by our vendors from the pandemic, resulted in lower than planned spending. The decision to carryforward \$7,000,000 of the unexpended funding was based on an assessment of what the Department would be able to expend through September 29, 2022. This transfer is needed to align the state appropriations with the carryforward spending plan because the budget was developed based on the original grant award instead of the carryforward budget plan. The carryforward funding being transferred will be used for Overdose Prevention (est. \$4,000,000); which included the purchase and distribution of naloxone and fentanyl test strips.

The following is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum, dated April 17, 1985, in support of the requested actions:

1. Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
Transfers are for continuing programs.
2. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase program level?
Transfers are to maintain existing program levels.
3. Cite any requirements, which make this program necessary.
These programs are supported 100% by Federal Funds through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, State Opioid Response Grant CDFR 93.788.
4. Identify the source of funds on all account listed on this transfer.
100% Federal Funds
5. Will there be an effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?
DHHS draws the revenue based on actual expenditures. The transfer will not have any effect on revenues to be drawn for actual expenditures.
6. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?
No.
7. Are personal services involved?
There are personal services involved in the program, but this transfer does not result in any new positions.

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Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Shibanette".

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