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for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

March 8, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$23,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for the Camp NH project, a Veterans campus providing mixed housing, supportive services, and a retreat for Veterans and their families, upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2022 in the following account:

01-02-002-020210-24690000 ¹ ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
EXPENDITURES				
040 – Indirect Costs	501587	\$722,750	\$2,500	\$725,250
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$103,752	\$22,977	\$126,729
042 - Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 – Grants Federal	500575	\$45,170,850	\$22,974,523	\$68,145,373
103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$49,557,852	\$23,000,000	\$72,557,852
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 – Federal Funds	400338	\$49,557,852	\$23,000,000	\$72,557,852
TOTAL REVENUE		\$49,557,852	\$23,000,000	\$72,557,852

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0218A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0218Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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EXPLANATION

Approval of this funding will enable the State to enter into an agreement with Easter Seals NH to develop a mixed housing, supportive services, and retreat campus for Veterans and their families. This will be located on a 15-acre site located in Franklin, NH that includes 31 units of permanent housing and 30 respite/retreat beds for Veterans and guests. Through key partnerships, the goal is to create a "One Stop" approach to care for those in need.

The program and campus would benefit from collaborative partnerships with Veteran services organizations and help ensure a continuum of care and service. The holistic integration of care coordination, therapeutic and recreational services are pivotal to recovery and overall wellness.

Examples of services that will be provided include:

- Care Coordination through ESNH MVS
- Home care services
- Transportation services to ensure access to key resources in the community
- Behavioral health services, including mental health and substance use treatment programs

"Veterans Count," a program of Easter Seals, is committed to financially supporting the balance of the operations of the campus.

With a focus on providing high quality, coordinated and holistic services in conjunction with safe, stable and affordable housing, Camp NH will be the regional Center of Excellence for Veterans' services across New England.

The campus plan will include amenities to assist in the health and wellness of residents and guests, including fully-accessible dining, meeting, and recreational spaces as well as an art gallery, offices, and accessible bedrooms and bathrooms for overnight accommodations. And the campus is advantageously located with direct access to the Northern Rail Trail (ideal for walking, running, and cycling) and the Merrimack River (with fishing, canoeing/kayaking, and white water rafting available).

Funds are being budgeted in the classes listed below as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072 – Grants-Federal to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees.

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This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. All SFRF funds will be obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell,
Executive Director, GOFERR