



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

September 29, 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, 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 in an amount not to exceed \$20,022,503 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for a Community Center Investment Program that will provide funding to centers that enables investment in equipment, capital infrastructure, and other costs as they adapt to the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis and continue to offer essential services. This is an allowable use of ARP SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2023 in the following account:

01-02-002-020210-24690000¹ ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2023</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	\$1,175,250	\$2,500	\$1,177,750
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$204,316	\$20,003	\$224,319
042 - Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 – Grants Federal	500574	\$126,080,032	\$20,000,000	\$146,080,032
085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fn	588510	\$3,019,499	\$0	\$3,019,499

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0225A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0225Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	\$2,449,800	\$0	\$2,449,800
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$132,989,397	\$20,022,503	\$153,011,900
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000-16 – Federal Funds	400338	\$132,989,397	\$20,022,503	\$153,011,900
TOTAL REVENUE		\$132,989,397	\$20,022,503	\$153,011,900

EXPLANATION

This request would fund the Community Center Investment Program, which would support such centers by enabling investments in equipment, capital infrastructure, and other costs as they adapt to the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis and continued provision of essential services in communities around the State.

Community Centers are incredibly important for New Hampshire's health and vibrancy, and they provide opportunities for residents to be active and to interact with others, as well as receive essential services. Moreover, Community Centers are inclusive and foster a culture of health and wellbeing in the communities they serve.

New Hampshire's Community Centers are often located in a public building or owned by a private nonprofit, and they often have limited resources but need to invest in their physical infrastructure to be viable for decades to come, especially to ensure COVID-19 mitigation efforts can continue or be improved upon.

For this program, Community Centers are defined as a facility owned and operated by a governmental agency or charitable organization, such as a nonprofit community organization. The primary purpose of the facility must be community led recreation, social welfare, community improvement, and/or public assembly. Eligible Community Centers must also provide public access to their facilities and programming as part of their primary purpose.

This may include facilities that provide care for senior citizens and/or children under 18; food banks; services for persons with disabilities; health, mental health, or substance abuse services, homeless services, and family resource centers.

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded include:

- Rehabilitating physical and outdoor programming space;
- Facility expansion;
- Improving air quality and/or ventilation; and
- Other investments that improve the health and safety of the center.

The awards in the program per Community Center would be up to \$1,000,000, with a match requirement.

GOFERR intends to work with the Community Development Finance Authority to facilitate the program.

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Funds are budgeted 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 out of Federal Funds to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees as described in the explanation.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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