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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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of $228,228 to purchase point-of-care rapid saliva polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 tests for the State of New Hampshire congregate living settings, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602(c)(1)(A), to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts. **100% Federal Funds.**

05-95-94-940010-2465[1] HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

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[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9532A, and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9532Z. 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
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$ 69,038,168	$ 228,228	$ 69,266,396
	General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Total Revenue	**$ 69,038,168**	**$ 228,228**	**$ 69,266,396**
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	$ 122,104		$ 122,104
020-500200	Current Expenses	$ 250,001	$ 160,000	$ 410,001
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	$ 3,891,727		$ 3,891,727
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$ 1	$ 68,000	$ 68,001
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$ 2,123,973		$ 2,123,973
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 62,805	$ 228	$ 63,033
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$ 8,733		$ 8,733
046-500462	Consultants	$ 1		$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnd	$ 1		$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	$ 1		$ 1
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	$ -		$ -
059-500117	Temp Full Time	$ 98,133		$ 98,133
060-500601	Benefits	$ 119,996		$ 119,996
072-502683	Grants Federal	$ 250,000		$ 250,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$ 50,364,360	$ -	$ 50,364,360
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	$ 11,746,332	$ -	$ 11,746,332
	Total Expenses	**$ 69,038,168**	**$ 228,228**	**$ 69,266,396**

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting to accept and expend $228,228 for the purpose of purchasing point-of-care rapid saliva polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 tests for the State of New Hampshire congregate living settings including New Hampshire Hospital, Hampstead Hospital, Sununu Youth Services Center, N.H. Veteran's Home, Glencliff Home, and the N.H. State Prisons. The availability of rapid saliva PCR COVID-19 tests will allow these facilities to tests patients, residents, and staff who are symptomatic and asymptomatic of COVID-19 to prevent outbreaks and prevent the further spread of COVID-19 within these congregate living settings during the expected winter increase of community incidence of COVID-19. This particular type of tests allows for a more comfortable saliva specimen collection rather than a nasal test, which has particular benefits for these specialized populations of persons who may have mental illness and dementia. The added benefit of rapid turnaround with a highly accurate PCR test will allow cohorting of persons on particular units and further decrease the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of persons who develop severe illness or death.

This proposal will allow for the purchase of point-of-care test machines, which cost $8,500 each, for each of the eight congregate living settings operated by the State of New Hampshire, and the purchase of 4,000 test kits at $40 each.

The acquisition of the COVID-19 test machines and tests will support New Hampshire's COVID-19 mitigation and prevention efforts which is an allowable use of ARPA SLRF funds.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 020 – The funds will be used to purchase 4,000 tests at $40 each

Class 030 – The funds will be used to purchase 8 testing machines at $8,500 each

Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires .1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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