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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

November 7, 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 Emergency Rental Assistance funds in the amount of \$2,464,202 to support the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use under the Emergency Rental Assistance fund established by Title V, Subtitle A, Section 501(a) Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) (ERA1). **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in account 01-02-02-020210-19710000, GOFERR, Emergency Rental Assistance as follows:

| 01-02-002-0202-19710000 Emergency Rental Assistance | | <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 | \$17,500 | \$2,500 | \$20,000 |
| 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside | 500801 | \$172,893 | \$2,462 | \$175,355 |
| 050 - Personal Services Temp Appoin | 500109 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 060 - Benefits | 500601 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 072 – Grants Federal | 500575 | \$19,851,793 | \$2,459,240 | \$22,311,033 |
| 085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fnd | 588595 | \$899,730 | \$0 | \$899,730 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$20,941,916 | \$2,464,202 | \$23,406,118 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS | | | | |
| 000 – 16 – Federal Funds | 400338 | \$20,941,916 | \$2,464,202 | \$23,406,118 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | \$20,941,916 | \$2,464,202 | \$23,406,118 |

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EXPLANATION

On March 11, 2021, the Governor initially authorized allocation of \$80,300,000 from the federal funds made available pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act (ERA1). Section 3201(h) of H.R. 1319 later extended the availability of Emergency Rental Assistance Funds under Section 501(e) of subtitle A of the Title V of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act from December 31, 2021, to September 30, 2022. This funding source is distinct from funds made available to the State for NHERAP through part of the American Rescue Plan Act, known as ERA2.

These ERA1 funds are being distributed to the State as part of U.S. Treasury's reallocation process. Treasury guidance indicate that these funds may be used after September 30, 2022, but must be fully utilized by December 29, 2022.

Since March 15, 2021, the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) has been providing financial assistance to eligible households that have lost income or experienced other financial hardship because of or during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the payment of (i) rent; (ii) rental arrears; (iii) utilities and home energy costs; (iv) utilities and home energy cost arrears; and (v) other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19, as defined by United States Department of Treasury.

The State entered into a subaward with New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) to facilitate NHERAP. That subaward has been amended over time to increase funding available to the program as needed and authorized. NHHFA works with the five regional Community Action Partnerships (CAPs) to accept and process applications and payments for the program.

GOFERR is requesting authorization to use these reallocated ERA1 funds for NHERAP, which will enable GOFERR to again amend its subaward with NHHFA. This funding will allow NHHFA to continue to use ERA1 funds to provide financial assistance to New Hampshire households throughout the life of the federal program.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs

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

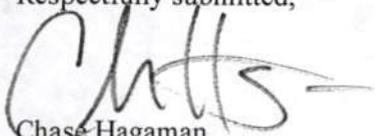
Class 072 – Grants Federal – Appropriations necessary to support rental assistance program(s)

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chase Hagaman", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chase Hagaman
Deputy Director, GOFERR

Darrell, Jane - GOFERR

From: EmergencyRentalAssistance@treasury.gov
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Hagaman, Chase - GOFERR
Cc: caresitforms@treasury.gov
Subject: ERA1 Request for Reallocated Funds Notice

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ERA-2101111943

Dear State of New Hampshire Treasury:

The U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") issued Reallocation Guidance for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) program under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, on October 4, 2021 and updated that Guidance on March 30, 2022 and September 6, 2022. An ERA1 Request for Reallocated Funds was submitted by your jurisdiction.

Treasury has approved the State of New Hampshire Treasury request in the following amount: \$2,464,201.95. Treasury anticipates distributing funds shortly.

Additionally, when your jurisdiction requested reallocated ERA1 funds, it concurrently applied for a 90-day extension of the period to obligate any ERA1 funds received pursuant to its request. This extension has been granted. **Accordingly, your jurisdiction may obligate the ERA1 funds it receives through the reallocation described above through December 29, 2022.** The deadline to obligate funds from a grantee's initial allocation, however, was September 30, 2022, and has not been extended.

If you choose not to accept this funding, please contact us as soon as possible at EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov with "ERA-2101111943 - Declining Reallocated Funds" in the subject line.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or ERA1 reallocation, please contact us at EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov, including your ERA1 grantee number.

Sincerely,
Emergency Housing Team
U.S. Department of the Treasury