



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

November 10, 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 \$20,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to provide continued assistance to households temporarily staying in hotels or motels as part of the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) to help ensure households at risk of homelessness are stably housed through the cold season, contingent upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. **100% Federal Funds.**

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

01-02-002-020210-24690000[1] 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	\$1,180,250	\$2,500	\$1,182,750
041 - Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$230,714	\$19,980	\$250,694
042 - Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 - Grants Federal	500575	\$146,080,032	\$19,977,520	\$166,057,552
085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fn	588510	\$9,412,214	\$0	\$9,412,214
103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	\$2,449,800	\$0	\$2,449,800
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$159,413,510	\$20,000,000	\$179,413,510

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0227A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0227Z. 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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SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 -- 16 -- Federal Funds	400338	\$159,413,510	\$20,000,000	\$179,413,510
TOTAL REVENUE		\$159,413,510	\$20,000,000	\$179,413,510

EXPLANATION

This request would provide up to \$20,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to households temporarily staying in hotels or motels as part of the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) to help ensure households at risk of homelessness and without alternative housing are stably housed through the State's cold season.

This voluntary program would make available funding to be utilized to support households already in hotels or motels as part of NHERAP, as well as eligible households that applied or reapplied for assistance as of the date of the NHERAP application pause on October 21, 2022. The intent of the program is to assist families in need and at risk of homelessness, reduce potential demand on homeless or emergency shelters, and ensure additional time for these households to find and access more permanent housing solutions.

The program would encourage hotels and motels to continue to take in or retain households with no children through April 1, 2023, and households with children through June 15, 2023. The average daily rate eligible for reimbursement of hotel or motel stays may be subject to a cap to ensure funds are effectively and equitably utilized.

The same or similar NHERAP eligibility standards would be applied in this program to encourage consistency and reduce administrative burden. This program would be similarly structured to NHERAP, whereas GOFERR would enter into a subaward with New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority to administer the funds in partnership with the State's five Community Action Partnerships, who will review existing applications, coordinate efforts, and work alongside hotels and motels across the State to assist families in need. Should the State receive additional funding from U.S. Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance at a later point, GOFERR may seek authorization to utilize those additional ERA funds on this program instead of the ARPA SFRF funds requested here.

Additionally, NHERAP not only provides rental and utility assistance, but supportive services are also provided, such as case management, housing counseling, legal assistance, and more. These services will remain ongoing, and in conjunction with this request GOFERR has another on this agenda to expand and bolster some of those services for those most at risk of homelessness.

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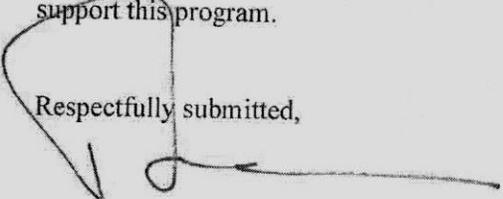
Funds are being budgeted in the classes listed below as follows
Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

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 – For subawards for at risk households residing in hotels or motels as explained above.

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