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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

November 14, 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 the amount of $3,255,750 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds for use of Housing Stability Services related programming, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ERA funds under ARPA, section 3201(d), as allowed by U.S. Treasury to keep households stably housed. **100% Federal Funds.**

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

01-02-002-0202-24310000 ARP Rental Assistance Fund		**FY2023**	**FY2023**	**FY2023**
CLASS	**ACCOUNT**	**CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET**	**BUDGET REQUEST**	**REVISED BUDGET**
EXPENDITURES				
040 – Indirect Costs	501587	$22,500	$2,500	$25,000
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	$126,950	$3,250	$130,200
072 – Grants Federal	500575	$49,770,834	$3,250,000	$53,020,834
085 - Interagcy Xfr Out of Fed Fn	588510	$180,374	$0	$180,374
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$50,100,658**	**$3,255,750**	**$53,356,408**
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 – 16 – Federal Funds	400338	$50,100,658	$3,255,750	$53,356,408
TOTAL REVENUE		**$50,100,658**	**$3,255,750**	**$53,356,408**

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EXPLANATION

GOFERR is requesting to accept and expend $3,255,750 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) financial assistance funds to continue to provide and expand supportive services as part of the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program's Housing Stability Services.

These ERA2 funds are part of what is remaining of the State's allocation for use in NHERAP, and the services that will be funded will continue and build upon existing services provided to eligible households in need, with the goal of keeping families stably housed.

This request will enable GOFERR to enter into new or amended agreements with the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) and the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) to provide the services outlined below.

CDFA will continue and expand the Displaced Households/Landlord Incentive Program, a pilot of which was funded as part of NHERAP under ERA1. This expanded program will provide intensive case management for displaced households, as well as landlord outreach, education, and incentives. GOFERR will enter into a subaward with CDFA, providing $1,250,000 for the program.

NHHFA will continue and expand Housing Stability Services and wraparound case management, bolstering existing efforts that were funded under ERA1 and continued under ERA2, which will enable a higher focus on more challenging cases that may require coordinated services with mental health/SUD services or additional assistance in order to reduce barriers to more permanent housing, such as security deposits and application fees.

These efforts are intended to help households experiencing homelessness or at high risk of becoming homeless. Wraparound case management builds upon the current case management model by adding specialized case managers and coordinating case management, services, and supports wholistically across multiple agencies. GOFERR intends to either enter into a new subaward with NHHFA or amend an existing subaward, providing $2,000,000 for this program.

As background, NHERAP provides financial assistance and Housing Stability Services to eligible households, including the payment of (i) rent, (ii) rental arrears, (iii) utilities and home energy costs, (iv) utilities and home energy costs arrears, and (v) other expenses related to housing. To date, NHERAP has been supported by federal funds made available pursuant to ERA2 as well as Section 501(a) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (ERA1). ERA2 provides the same financial assistance provided under ERA1 for a greater number of households and longer period of time.

NHERAP is administered by NHHFA through the five regional Community Action Partnerships (CAPs) and in collaboration with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR).

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs
Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside - .001 of federal funds payable to DAS for audit fees

Class 072 – Grants out of Federal Funds as described in the explanation

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

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell
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