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December 30, 2022

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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 Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$116,409,642.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR4516 COVID-19 effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2023 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-12320000Dept. of Safety		HSEM Declared Disasters Public Assistance		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SFY2023 Current Adjusted Authorized</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>SFY2023 Revised Adjusted Authorized</u>
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$87,868,095.00)	(\$116,409,642.00)	(\$204,277,737.00)
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$81,212.00	\$0.00	\$81,212.00
018-500106	Overtime	\$451,494.00	\$0.00	\$451,494.00
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$7,450.00	\$0.00	\$7,450.00
020-500200	Current Expense	\$10,483,326.00	\$0.00	\$10,483,326.00
022-500248	Rent To Owners Non-State Space	\$85,000.00	\$272,842.00	\$357,842.00
030-500311	Equipment	\$471,302.00	\$0.00	\$471,302.00
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$91,878.00	\$0.00	\$91,878.00
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$21,450.00	\$0.00	\$21,450.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$746,464.00	\$5,000.00	\$751,464.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$1,839,679.00	\$10,500.00	\$1,850,179.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$190,687.00	\$116,300.00	\$306,987.00
047-500240	Own Forces Maint.(Bldg-Grms)	\$8,393.00	\$0.00	\$8,393.00
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$477,593.00	\$0.00	\$477,593.00
059-500117	Temp Full-Time	\$1,204,424.00	\$0.00	\$1,204,424.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$1,234,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,234,400.00
066-500543	Employee Training	\$4,690.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,690.00
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$124,769.00	\$0.00	\$124,769.00
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$9,151,168.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$34,151,168.00
080-507101	Out of State Travel	\$19,590.00	\$0.00	\$19,590.00
085-588595	Interagency Transfers Fed Funds	\$59,106,834.00	\$87,000,000.00	\$146,106,834.00
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Services	\$2,066,292.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$6,006,292.00
Total		<u>\$87,868,095.00</u>	<u>\$116,409,642.00</u>	<u>\$204,277,737.00</u>

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EXPLANATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private nonprofit organizations to assist in responding to and recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had eight declared disasters since June 1, 2017, impacting the entire State.

This request to accept \$116,409,642.00 represents the estimated current federal share of the Public Assistance Grant Program for the State's Emergency Protective Measures conducted for the DR4516 COVID-19 response. Funds will be disbursed to local communities and State Agencies to reimburse for qualified disaster response expenditures for actions that were taken to save lives and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This support includes New Hampshire's response efforts, such as providing Non-Congregant Sheltering (NCS) locations, purchasing life-saving and life-sustaining commodities (including personal protective equipment (PPE)), and COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution.

These COVID-19 PA funds were not included in the Department's FY 22/23 budget because at the time of budget development, the level and timing of the COVID-19 PA funding associated with DR4516 was not known.

The funding mechanism is 100% Federal and will be budgeted as follows:

Class 022 - Rent to Owners Non-State Space: to be used to pay new rental space to house HSEM personnel

Class 039 - Telecommunications: to be used to purchase telecommunication equipment for the new Mitigation and Recovery location

Class 040 - Indirect Costs: to be used to pay associated indirect costs

Class 041 - Audit Expense: to be used to pay associated audit fund set aside expenses

Class 066 - Employee Training: to pay for continuing education costs for PA staff, to include BET classes

Class 072 - Grants- Locals: to be used to fund grants to sub-grantees

Class 085 - Interagency Transfers of Federal Funds: to be used to fund grants to other State Agencies

Class 103 - Contracts for Operational Services: to be used to pay for contractual needs for Non-Congregant Sheltering locations

In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Assistance Grant Program
Fiscal Situation**

Federal Funds Awarded:

DR4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (7/1/2017-11/06/2019)	\$6,893,950.82
DR4355 Oct 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$9,448,729.08
DR4370 March 2018 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$4,297,287.04
DR4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (Ongoing)	\$2,666,522.48
DR4457 July 2019 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$3,122,582.99
DR4516 COVID-19 (Ongoing)	\$325,000,000.00
DR4622 July 2021 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$389,587.54
DR4624 July 2021 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	<u>\$579,437.63</u>
Total Grant Funds Awarded	\$352,398,097.58

Less expenses in FY 2018	(\$583,807.60)
Less expenses in FY 2019	(\$11,713,691.86)
Less expenses in FY 2020	(\$4,600,232.51)
Less expenses in FY 2021	(\$111,917,302.37)
Less expenses in FY 2022	<u>(\$15,226,059.91)</u>
Total Prior Fiscal Year Actual Expenses	(\$144,041,094.25)

Net Grant Funds Remaining as of July 1, 2022 **\$208,357,003.33**

Less SFY 2023 Appropriation including prior year encumbrances (\$87,868,095.00)
Account 02-23-23-236010-12320000

Excess grant funds available to appropriate **\$120,488,908.33**

This Request **\$116,409,642.00**