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The Honorable Ken Weyler, 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, Division for Behavioral Health to amend Fiscal Committee item #FIS 21-354, approved on November 19, 2021, and Governor and Council (G&C) item #12, approved on November 22, 2021, to reallocate federal funds in the amount of \$52,750, to support behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention, and to create an expense class 085, Interagency Transfers. 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.

05-095-094-940010-24650000¹ HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$82,199,672	\$0	\$82,199,672
	General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Revenue	\$82,199,672	\$0	\$82,199,672
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$122,104	\$0	\$122,104
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$410,001	\$0	\$410,001
022-500248	Rents-Leases other than State	\$3,891,727	\$0	\$3,891,727
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$68,001	\$0	\$68,001

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9510A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9510Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,123,973	\$0	\$2,123,973
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$75,359	\$0	\$75,359
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500462	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own-Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	\$1	\$0	\$1
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoint	\$0	\$0	\$0
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,133	\$0	\$98,133
060-500601	Benefits	\$119,996	\$0	\$119,996
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
085-588514	Interagency Xfr Out Of Fed Fn	\$0	\$52,750	\$52,750
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$50,364,360	(\$52,750)	\$50,311,610
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$24,667,282	\$0	\$24,667,282
Total Expenses		\$82,199,672	\$0	\$82,199,672

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this transfer is to shift funds between Class 102 (Contracts for Program Services) and Class 085 (Interagency Xfr Out Of Fed Fn) in order to align the appropriations with the spending plans for this grant funding.

The Department is entering into an agreement with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch (NHJB) for the implementation of a Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) pilot project in at least one (1) New Hampshire County. The SIM mapping process details how individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system, and brings together leaders, organizations, and systems to work together to identify strategies to divert those individuals from the justice system into treatment. The SIM helps communities identify resources and gaps in services in defined intercepts and develop local strategic action plans.

This agreement supports the "Technical Assistance to Complete Crosswalk of Behavioral Health Plans" identified in Fiscal Committee item #FIS 21-354. Technical Assistance is needed for the crosswalk because of the existence of multiple plans involving behavioral health and because research shows that mental health, substance misuse and suicide share many of the same risk and protective factors. For this reason, we know that there is potential to better align programs, monitor outcomes and reduce redundancies. Integration of mental health and substance misuse programming across the lifespan could lead to better outcomes for residents and could have financial benefits and benefits to workforce shortages.

The following is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum, dated April 17, 1985, in support of the requested actions:

1. Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
 Transfer is for a pilot project.
2. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase program level?

Transfer will increase program level.

3. Cite any requirements, which make this program necessary.

The contracts are to be supported 100% by Federal Funds awarded to the Department by the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR).

4. Identify the source of funds on all account listed on this transfer.
100% Federal Funds.

5. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?

DHHS draws the revenue based on actual expenditures, the transfer will not have any effect on revenues to be drawn for actual expenditures.

6. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?

No

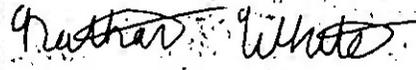
7. Are personal services involved?

No, this transfer does not result in any new positions.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully Submitted;

 For,

Lori A. Weaver
Interim Commissioner



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**

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November 4, 2021

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 in the amount of \$2,752,750 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), to support behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, 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. **100% Federal Funds.**

05-095-094-940010-24650000¹ HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$33,035,413	\$2,752,750	\$35,788,163
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	\$33,035,413	\$2,752,750	\$35,788,163
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$0	\$1
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473

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041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$30,892	\$2,750	\$33,642
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs, Bldg, Grounds	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$19,378,043	\$2,750,000	\$22,128,043
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
	Total Expenses	\$33,035,413	\$2,752,750	\$35,788,163

EXPLANATION

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) has awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funding in support of behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts. This multi-faceted program will boost behavioral health efforts by expanding implementation of policies, practices and programs that have been recommended through legislation, assessments and strategic planning reports including, but not limited to, Children's Behavioral Health System of Care, 10-Year Mental Health Plan, and Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Plan. While some of the components expand programs delivered to school-age population, the overall intention is to improve behavioral health and wellness throughout the lifespan through prevention and early intervention.

The purpose of this funding allocation is as follows:

Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral (MTSS-B) and Student Assistance Programs (SAP):

Adolescence is a period of transition and a critical time for mental health. The COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects have compounded risk factors faced by this population. Prior to the pandemic, the rates of depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation and suicide for NH youth were already concerning and were steadily increasing. In the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS), 43% of adolescents who took the survey reported feeling sad or hopeless every day for a period of two weeks or more in the past 12 months, 23.5% reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months and 14% reported having a plan to take their own life. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, suicide was the second leading cause of death for adolescents (CDC). The state of NH has seen an unprecedented need for mental health help among children and adolescents since the start of the pandemic, in particular adolescent females have been accessing services at increasing rates. In 2018 and 2019, prior to the pandemic, approximately 310 female youth under age 18 were known to have boarded in emergency departments and/or were on waiting lists for inpatient services during the year. During 2020, the first year of the pandemic, this number jumped to 481 and in 2021 to date (a partial year), there have been 641 through October.

Many New Hampshire schools continue to struggle with the complex social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students and staff alike. These struggles have been compounded since COVID-19. Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral (MTSS-B) and Student Assistance Programs (SAP) are two proven effective tools to assist schools to meet the behavioral health needs of students, parents/caregivers and staff resulting in improved academic and behavioral health outcomes. Funding will enhance and expand the implementation of these programs in underserved and under-resourced school districts.

Data Analytic Support for Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey: Complementing the implementation of MTSS-B and SAP, school administrators and staff need to better comprehend and utilize the YRBS data to understand root causes behind behavioral health needs in NH. Technical assistance to conduct data analysis and examine risk and protective factors will assist school districts in making informed decisions regarding curriculum, policies and programming that lead to better outcomes for students.

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Technical Assistance to Complete Crosswalk of Behavioral Health Plans: Technical Assistance is needed for the crosswalk because of the existence of multiple plans involving behavioral health and because research shows that mental health, substance misuse and suicide share many of the same risk and protective factors. For this reason, we know that there is potential to better align programs, monitor outcomes and reduce redundancies. Integration of mental health and substance misuse programming across the lifespan could lead to better outcomes for residents and could have financial benefits and benefits to workforce shortages.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Funds in class 041, Audit Fund Set Aside, for financial and compliance audits.

Funds in class 102, Contracts for Program Services, to work with providers support of behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds

This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. In accepting ARP FRF funds, the Department agrees to work collaboratively with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to ensure accurate and timely reporting to U.S. Department of Treasury on the use of the funds.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



For

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Commissioner