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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
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### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED), Bureau of Special Education to accept and expend additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$12,012,000 for the continued support of the IDEA grant, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

#### IDEA Grant

Account: 06-56-56-562010-25040000

	Description	<u>Current Modified Budget</u>	<u>Budget Request</u>	<u>Revised Budget FY23</u>
<b>Income</b>				
000-404489-16	Federal Funds	\$62,952,136	\$12,012,000	\$74,964,136
<b>Expenditures</b>				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$1,309,194	\$0	\$1,309,194
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$50,005	\$0	\$50,005
021-502668	Food Institutions	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
027-582703	Transfers to DOIT	\$177,651	\$0	\$177,651
028-582814	Transfers to General Service	\$75,611	\$0	\$75,611
029-500290	Inter-Agency Transfers	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
030-500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$22,200	\$0	\$22,200

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038-500175	Technology-Software	\$819,251	\$0	\$819,251
039-500191	Telecommunications	\$25,590	\$0	\$25,590
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$189,000	\$0	\$189,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$56,000	\$12,000	\$68,000
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
046-500464	Consultants	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
057-500531	Books Periodicals Subscript	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
059-500177	Temp Full-Time	\$132,487	\$0	\$132,487
060-500601	Benefits	\$915,295	\$0	\$915,295
066-500544	Employee Training	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
070-500702	In State Travel Reimb	\$28,200	\$0	\$28,200
072-502634	Grants Federal	\$49,254,186	\$12,000,000	\$61,254,186
080-500710	Out of State Travel Reimb	\$66,100	\$0	\$66,100
102-500731	Contracts for Program Service	\$9,474,866	\$0	\$9,474,866
230-500765	Interpreter Service	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,952,136</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>	<b>\$74,964,136</b>

#### EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED), Bureau of Special Education receives the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant each year. This funding is for the purpose of providing special education and related services to students with disabilities.

The IDEA grant is a reimbursement programs for districts. Reimbursement is based on approved activities to support students with disabilities at the district level.

The NH Department of Education receives an IDEA-Special Education award authorized under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B). This is a formula grant for states to assist-in providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities ages 3 through 21. The IDEA grant *requires* that the funds be awarded to local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them education that emphasizes special education and related services, designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.

Under 34 C.F.R. § 300.202(a)(1), IDEA Part B funds provided to LEAs must be expended to the fullest, in accordance with IDEA. It is the State Education Agency's responsibility to ensure that the LEAs also meet the Uniform Grant Guidance requirements, requirements for procurement, maintain appropriate records and cost documentation and follow a sound financial process. The SEA also assists the LEA's with the monitoring and spending of their IDEA funds during the duration of the grant.

An audit, conducted in 2015, resulted in a federal fiscal finding regarding the district's failure to expend all of their IDEA allocations and the SEA's failure to reallocate those funds to the districts. As a matter of correction, through technical assistance from the SEA, the districts began spending funds more efficiently.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) extended the 2018-2019 IDEA Grant to obligate funds through September 30, 2021 and to liquidate funds through November 15, 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19. School districts faced spending challenges resulting from the pandemic. The SEA was instrumental in assisting the districts with adjusting to this change in practice to spend down the grant monies.

In order to continue effective and efficient expenditure of IDEA funds, the Bureau of Special Education Support is requesting to appropriate the remaining federal IDEA funds available to be allocated to the SEA. Fulfilling this request will enable the SEA to support districts with spending their IDEA funds so as to avoid another audit finding.

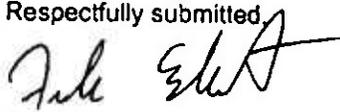
The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

**APPROPRIATION EXPLANATION**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
041	Audit Fund Set Aside	Appropriation is based on a percentage of the grant
072	Grants-Federal	Appropriation to provide funding to LEA's for reimbursements

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

Respectfully submitted,



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**Federal Accountability Grants**  
**06-56-56-562010-25040000**  
**Grant Award Number H027A210103**

FFY2021 G5 Balance - 7/1/22				\$ 5,173,378.08
FFY2022 G5 Balance - 7/1/22				\$ 28,937,757.12
FFY2023 Grant Award				\$ 53,725,669.00
Total				\$ 87,836,804.20
Less: Total FY2023 Adjusted Authorized Budget				\$ (62,952,137.34)
Available to accept				\$ 24,884,666.86
Amount requested this action				\$ 12,012,000.00



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H027A220103 - 22A

**GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

<b>1</b> RECIPIENT NAME  NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPT. OF EDUCATION 101 PLEASANT STREET CONCORD, NH 03301 - 3860	<b>2</b> AWARD INFORMATION  PR/AWARD NUMBER      H027A220103 - 22A ACTION NUMBER         2 ACTION TYPE            Revision AWARD TYPE             Formula																				
<b>3</b> PROJECT STAFF  RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR Rebecca A Fredette            (603) 271-6693 <a href="mailto:Rebecca.A.Fredette@doe.nh.gov">Rebecca.A.Fredette@doe.nh.gov</a> EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Gregory Corr                    (202) 245-7309 <a href="mailto:gregg.corr@ed.gov">gregg.corr@ed.gov</a> EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDISK        888-336-8930 <a href="mailto:obsded@servicenowservices.com">obsded@servicenowservices.com</a>	<b>4</b> PROJECT DESCRIPTION  84.027A STATE GRANT - B (611)																				
<b>5</b> KEY PERSONNEL  N/A																					
<b>6</b> AWARD PERIODS  BUDGET PERIOD        07/01/2022 - 09/30/2023 FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD    07/01/2022 - 09/30/2023  FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS  N/A																					
<b>7</b> AUTHORIZED FUNDING  CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT        \$37,716,828.00 PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT    \$16,008,841.00 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT         \$53,725,669.00																					
<b>8</b> ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  UEI/SSN            YUC4D2DQS6E1 REGULATIONS        CFR PART 300 EDGAR AS APPLICABLE 2 CFR AS APPLICABLE ATTACHMENTS        N/A																					
<b>9</b> LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA  AUTHORITY:                    PL 108-446 PART - B INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT PROGRAM TITLE:                SPECIAL EDUCATION - GRANTS TO STATES CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO:        84.027A  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FUND CODE</th> <th>FUNDING YEAR</th> <th>AWARD YEAR</th> <th>ORG. CODE</th> <th>CATEGORY</th> <th>LIMITATION</th> <th>ACTIVITY</th> <th>CFDA</th> <th>OBJECT CLASS</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0300A</td> <td>2023</td> <td>2023</td> <td>EH000000</td> <td>B</td> <td>KAA</td> <td>000</td> <td>027</td> <td>4101A</td> <td>\$37,716,828.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	AWARD YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMITATION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT	0300A	2023	2023	EH000000	B	KAA	000	027	4101A	\$37,716,828.00
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**GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(1) THIS ACTION IS TO INCREASE THE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN BLOCK 7.

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Create payments using the form below. An \* indicates a required field.

Award No.	Payment Amount (\$)	Deposit Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Recipient Reference	Available Balance	Net Authorization	Last Day to Draw	Bank Account	Flag
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H027A210103		07/08/2023	223 2504 202223	✓ \$28,937,757.12	\$52,263,484.00	01/30/2024	****1202 ACH	
H027X210103		07/08/2023	257 2433 202257	\$8,837,081.39	\$9,723,558.00	01/30/2024	****1202 ACH	
H126A210042		07/08/2023	190 2538 202190	\$6,978,866.06	\$11,905,258.00	02/01/2023	****1202 ACH	
H126A220042		07/08/2023		\$12,053,171.00	\$12,053,171.00	01/30/2023	****1202 ACH	
H173A200109		07/08/2023	124 2505 202124	\$402,897.48	\$1,608,216.00	01/30/2023	****1202 ACH	
H173A210109		07/08/2023	224 2505 202224	\$852,515.62	\$1,621,070.00	01/30/2024	****1202 ACH	
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H187A210043		07/08/2023	202198A 2539	\$131,234.45	\$150,000.00	02/01/2023	****1202 ACH	
H187A220043		07/08/2023		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	01/30/2023	****1202 ACH	
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