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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 Administration, to accept and expend $376,895.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), reallocated from a preexisting authorization through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery (GOFERR), to develop mental health and resiliency resources for first responders within the Department of Safety, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. 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.

Funding is contingent upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval of an amendment to a Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) accept and expend request (FIS 22-316) on the May 19, 2023, Fiscal Committee meeting and the May 17, 2023, Governor and Executive Council meeting.

Funds are to be budgeted in the table below:

02-23-23-2320-28XX0000[1] Department of Safety, Admin, ARPA – Mental Health & Resiliency

Class	Description	SFY 2023 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	SFY 2023 Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-400338	Federal Funds	($0.00)	($376,895.00)	($376,895.00)
	TOTAL REVENUE	**($0.00)**	**($376,895.00)**	**($376,895.00)**
020-500200	Supplies (Consumable)	$0.00	$15,000.00	$15,000.00
022-500248	Rent To Owners Non-State Space	$0.00	$90,000.00	$90,000.00
040–500800	Indirect Costs	$0.00	$42,518.00	$42,518.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set-Aside	$0.00	$377.00	$377.00
057-500532	Electronic Media	$0.00	$109,000.00	$150,000.00
066-500543	Continuing Professional Education	$0.00	$60,000.00	$60,000.00
103-502507	Program Contracts	$0.00	$60,000.00	$60,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$0.00**	**$376,895.00**	**$376,895.00**

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2313A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2313Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

EXPLANATION

This request to accept reallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) from a preexisting authorization (FIS 22-316) through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery (GOFERR) $376,895.00 for the purpose of developing mental health and resiliency resources for first responders and support staff within the Department of Safety. The funding will address the mental health crisis resulting from and exacerbated by the pandemic by building proactive and preventive mental health and resiliency programs. The funding will also be used to develop additional mental health and resiliency resources for employees serving in the public safety capacity, including State Police, fire fighters, EMS, and civilian employees assigned throughout the Department.

The scope of services will focus on providing proactive staff training and education, professional training for internal-to-agency trainers, education material and tools, mental health and well-being online content library and lease of private space for the peer support program. These tools along with professional education and training in psychological safety at work, mental health and resilience will expand the services and programs provided internally to the First Responder community.

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

Class 020 - Supplies and Consumables; to be spent on Education materials and tools to build a library of resources such as books, pamphlets, stress tools for employees.

Class 022 - Rent To Owners Non-State Space; to be used to fund leasing of approximately 1,500 sq. ft. of private space to house the Peer-to-Peer counselling offices, embedded mental health contractor and a trusted and private landing space for officers and first responders that will provide anonymity and a psychologically safe space to "land".

Class 40 – Indirect Cost; Represents the Indirect Cost associated amount for this request at 14.22%.

Class 41 – Fund Set aside; Represents the Audit Set aside amount associates with this request.

Class 057 – Electronic Media; to be used to fund a Mental Health and Well-Being online Content Library through an evidence based, credible, relevant and timely health and well-being content on the DOS website through a content creation vendor.

Class 066 – Continuing Professional Education; to be used to implement ongoing, employee mental health, resiliency, and well-being training sessions throughout the year.

Class 103 – Program Contracts; Professional Training for Internal to Agency Trainers; to be used for professional training and mental health and well-being knowledge advancement for internal staff identified as mental health and well-being leaders.

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