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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

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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 of Economic Stability, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$473,936, to make changes to the New HEIGHTS system to expand eligibility for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program to include children living with a court appointed guardian. Effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

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CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-403951-16	Federal Funds	\$ 4,184,324	\$ 473,936	\$ 4,658,260
	General Fund	\$ 1,093,620	\$ -	\$ 1,093,620
	Total Revenue	\$ 5,277,944	\$ 473,936	\$ 5,751,880
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 1,326,551		\$ 1,326,551
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
039-500191	Telecommunications	\$ 2,400		\$ 2,400
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 3,016	\$ 473	\$ 3,489
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 101,016		\$ 101,016
046-500462	Consultants	\$ 2,975,329	\$ 473,463	\$ 3,448,792
050-500109	Temp Part Time	\$ 66,871		\$ 66,871
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 751,661		\$ 751,661
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
	Total Expenses	\$ 5,277,944	\$ 473,936	\$ 5,751,880

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting funding to make changes to the Department of Health and Human Services eligibility and enrollment Information Technology system known as New HEIGHTS, to expand TANF eligibility to include court appointed guardians. SB172, which was signed into law by Governor Sununu on August 4, 2023 authorizes children living with unrelated court appointed guardians to be eligible for

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TANF effective January 1, 2024. It has been projected that nearly 300 additional children will be served by the TANF program per fiscal year as a result of this change in law.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

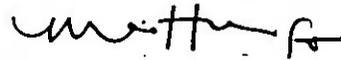
Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires .1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.
Class 046 – The funds will be used for the New HEIGHTS system to be modified.

Areas Served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

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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