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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, and contingent upon Governor and Council approval of the corresponding accept and expend request in the amount of \$87,087, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Bureau of Community, Family & Program Support to continue one full-time temporary Program Specialist IV, Position 8T3149, salary grade 25 effective October 26, 2023, upon Governor and Council approval through October 26, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account Promoting Safe-Stable Families as follows:

		<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
05-95-42-421010-29730000-050-500109	Part-Time Salaries	\$ 49,262	\$ 22,334
05-95-42-421010-29730000-060-500601	Benefits	\$ 31,450	\$ 4,802
Total		\$ 80,712	\$ 27,136

EXPLANATION

This position currently ends on October 26, 2023, and is assigned to the Bureau of Community, Family & Program Support. Legislation enacted an extended foster care program in DCYF that greatly expanded the agency's ability to serve young adults aged 18-21 in out of home placement settings. To support this legislative expansion, DCYF procured the Youth Villages' LifeSet program as a clinical program to serve youth in extended foster care and provide them the necessary supports to be independent and successful. Additionally, DCYF has partnered with the NH Housing Authority and other local housing entities to expand housing options for youth involved with DCYF who are at risk of homelessness. The expansion of these programs, in addition to the ongoing demands of the adolescent program necessitated the need to continue these positions. The current administrator is positioned to oversee the administration and implementation of these efforts, there needs to be this full-time program specialist position that is skilled and experienced enough to provide the Administrator the necessary support to successfully implement these programs and meet the needs of the youth DCYF serves.

Respectfully Submitted,

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