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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 Homeland Security Emergency Management, to accept and expend \$2,750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), for the implementation of security enhancements in State facilities. 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 Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2024 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-28XX0000¹ - Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management, Security Enhancements - ARP

Class	Description	Requested Action SFY 2024
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ (2,750,000)
030-500311	Equipment	500,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	319,559
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	2,750
103-500736	Contracts For Op Services	1,927,691
TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$ 2,750,000

!!! All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2315A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2315Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to implement the top four recommended security enhancements, following the event that took place on November 17, 2023, at the New Hampshire Hospital. A working group was established to review and assess our existing security measures and identify areas of improvement. The State Office Complex (Pleasant Street), State House Complex (State House, Legislative Building, Annex, State Library), and the Hazen Drive Office Complex, are the initial locations for implementation of the following security measures:

- State Security Assessment: Develop and administer a request for proposal for a security firm to partner with the State of New Hampshire to conduct security assessments in select areas.
- Planning/Training/Exercising: Reassess and enhance the response plan, administer further training and exercising of the response plan.
- Communication: Upgrade and improve communication and notification systems within the facilities to alert staff of critical events.
- Associated Equipment: Procure bullet resistant film for high hazard areas and associated security officer equipment.

This request provides initial funding to begin implementing the security measures listed above. An additional \$3 million in ARPA funding will be awarded and accepted in March 2024 to fully fund this project.

These are allowable uses of ARPA FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. In accepting ARPA 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.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 030 – Associated equipment for bullet resistant film and Security Officers' equipment.
- Class 040 – Indirect Costs: Represents the indirect cost associated amount for this request (14.22%).
- Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside: Represents the audit fund set-aside associated amount for this request (0.1%).
- Class 103 – Contracts for Operational Services: To cover costs associated to contracting security measure services and training.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety