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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 Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, to accept and expend \$3,370,554 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), for the purpose of improving the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Facility in Bethlehem, NH. 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 November 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

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

02-23-23-237010-24830000¹ – Department of Safety, Division of FSTEMS, FST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS-ARP

Class	Description	<u>SFY 2024 Current Adjusted Authorized</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>SFY 2024 Revised Adjusted Authorized</u>
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ (2,440,725)	\$ (3,370,554)	\$ (5,811,279)
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ (2,440,725)	\$ (3,370,554)	\$ (5,811,279)
020	Current Expenses	\$ 93,279	\$ -	\$ 93,279
030	Equipment New Replacement	624,848	-	624,848
037	Technology-Hardware	816	-	816
039	Telecommunications	4,511	-	4,511
040-500800	Indirect Costs	162,755	267,183	429,938
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	1,915	3,371	5,286
050	Personal Service Temp Appoint.	12,365	-	12,365
059	Temp Full Time	60,494	-	60,494
060	Benefits	27,150	-	27,150
070	In State Travel Reimbursement	8,610	-	8,610
103-500736	Contracts For Op Services	1,443,982	3,100,000	4,543,982
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,440,725	\$ 3,370,554	\$ 5,811,279

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[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2316A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2316Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

EXPLANATION

Facility investments at the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Facility in Bethlehem, NH will allow the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services (FSTEMS) and the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to expand training options in the North Country. The Department previously received \$2.7M in ARPA funding to improve First Responder Recruitment and Training. \$1.5M in funding was allocated for facility improvements which encompassed a new three-bay, heated garage to securely house fire pumper apparatus and equipment and training simulators to ensure effective and safe fire instruction. The garage will include a decontamination area with showers and an area where all contaminated personal protective clothing can be cleaned and stored, to adequately separate it from the classroom building. A second classroom will also be built within unfinished space in the existing facility allowing increased usage and simultaneous scheduling of courses across multiple disciplines. \$1.3M in ARPA funds was previously allocated to the DMV for the purpose of adding a Commercial Driver License (CDL) training range to expand training opportunities for North Country residents, which will contribute to the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Facility improvements.

Over the last two years, costs have escalated due to inflation, the remote nature of the location, obsolete infrastructure, unique site topography, and market volatility. Recent estimates have identified shortfall in funding required to complete the project as intended. These additional funds will help support continuation of the improvement by allowing extensive site clearing, improved electrical, water, sewer, HVAC, classroom expansion, and construction of a garage to house fire training apparatus and store and clean personal protective clothing used during practical training in the drill yard.

The design for the project is complete, and the Department of Safety has confirmed with the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works that the classroom renovations and new storage garage will be bid during the Summer of 2024 with intent to submit the contract to the Governor and Executive Council before the November 30, 2024, deadline.

This is an allowable use 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:

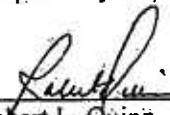
Class:040 – Indirect Costs: Represents the indirect cost associated amount for this request.

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 contracted services as needed build out training facility improvements for the Bethlehem training facility.

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