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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

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$42,047,880.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR4516 COVID-19 and for DR4740 Severe Storm and Flooding in July 2023, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.
2. Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), to transfer Public Assistance (PA) funds in and among classes within an accounting unit, in the amount of \$12,750,000.00 for better use of appropriated federal funds effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

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

02-23-23-236010-12320000 Dept. of Safety HSEM Declared Disasters Public Assistance

Class	Description	SFY2024 Current	Requested Action #1	Requested Action #2	SFY2024 Revised
		Adjusted Authorized			Adjusted Authorized
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$128,030,675.91)	(\$42,047,880.00)	\$0.00	(\$170,078,555.91)
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$79,164.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,164.27
018-500106	Overtime	\$860,813.12	\$0.00	(\$600,000.00)	\$260,813.12
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$7,450.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,450.46
020-500200	Current Expense Rent To Owners Non-State	\$11,184,251.69	\$0.00	(\$11,100,000.00)	\$84,251.69
022-500248	Space	\$306,082.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306,082.03
030-500311	Equipment	\$429,723.02	\$0.00	(\$400,000.00)	\$29,723.02
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$111,126.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111,126.97
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$46,450.27	\$0.00	(\$25,000.00)	\$21,450.27
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$1,094,453.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,094,453.98
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$1,837,142.41	\$130,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,967,542.41
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$219,902.07	\$42,100.00	\$0.00	\$262,002.07

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047-500240	Own Forces Maint (Bldg-Grnds) Transfer To Other State	\$13,392.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,392.87
049-500599	Agencies	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$559,444.24	\$0.00	(\$525,000.00)	\$34,444.24
059-500117	Temp Full-Time	\$1,637,613.93	\$750,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,387,613.93
060-500601	Benefits	\$1,393,550.75	\$166,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,559,900.75
066-500543	Employee Training	\$10,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,925.00
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$174,445.68	\$0.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$74,445.68
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$15,909,514.47	\$20,917,224.00	\$12,750,000.00	\$49,576,738.47
080-507101	Out of State Travel	\$32,182.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,182.53
085-500599	Interagency Transfers Fed Funds Contracts for Operational	\$86,023,505.52	\$20,041,806.00	\$0.00	\$106,065,311.52
103-502664	Services	\$6,098,665.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,098,665.63
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,030,675.91</b>	<b>\$42,047,880.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$170,078,555.91</b>

#### EXPLANATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private non-profit organizations to assist in responding to and recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had ten declared disasters since June 1, 2017, impacting the entire State.

This request to accept \$33,283,570.00 represents the estimated current federal share of the Public Assistance Grant Program for the State's Emergency Protective Measures conducted for the DR4516 COVID-19 response. Funds will be disbursed to local municipalities and State Agencies to reimburse for qualified disaster response expenditures for actions that were taken to save lives and protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This support includes New Hampshire's response efforts, such as providing Non-Congregant Sheltering (NCS) locations, purchasing life-saving and life-sustaining commodities (including personal protective equipment (PPE)), and COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution.

This request to accept \$8,764,310.00 represents the current federal share of the Public Assistance Grant Program for the State's response and recovery efforts from the severe storm and flooding event on July 9 through 17, 2023. Funds will be disbursed to local municipalities, State Agencies, and private non-profit organizations, to reimburse for their qualified disaster response expenditures. Numerous New Hampshire State Agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, and the Department of Safety, along with over 41 New Hampshire municipalities and private nonprofit organizations that provide critical and essential services are expected to receive supplemental assistance from FEMA.

This transfer request allows HSEM to reallocate existing program funding to better align with current grant program needs. At the time the State of New Hampshire FY 2023-2024 budget was being developed, the level and timing of Presidentially Declared Disaster funding was not known.

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

Class 018 Overtime: funding is available because COVID-19 expenses were over estimated

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- Class 020 Current Expenses: funding is available because COVID-19 expenses were over estimated
- Class 030 Equipment: funding is available because COVID-19 expenses were over estimated
- Class 038 Tech-Software: funding is available because COVID-19 expenses were over estimated
- Class 040 Indirect Costs: to be used to pay associated indirect costs
- Class 041 Audit Expense: to be used to pay associated audit fund set aside expenses
- Class 050 Temp Part-Time: represents an adjustment to the positions supporting PA grant administration from part time to full time
- Class 059 Temp Full-Time: To be used to pay salaries for existing fulltime temp positions
- Class 060 Benefits: To be used to pay corresponding benefits for existing fulltime temp positions
- Class 070 In-State Travel: funding is available because COVID-19 expenses were over estimated
- Class 072 Grants- Locals: to be used to fund grants to sub-grantees
- Class 085 Interagency Transfers of Federal Funds: to be used to fund grants to other State Agencies

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Office's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

**Justification:**

Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects? One-time projects, this program involves reimbursements for multiple active disasters.

- 1) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level? Both, to maintain existing program and will increase by the additional funding.
- 2) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.
- 3) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer. 100% federal funds.
- 4) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved? Yes, if not approved it will limit our ability to effectively administer the PA program.
- 5) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved? Yes.
- 6) Are personnel services involved? If yes, answer the following: Yes.
  - a. Number of positions budgeted in each account. There are eighteen full-time temporary positions funded by this account.
  - b. Number of positions filled in each account. Twelve of the positions are currently filled.
  - c. Reason for vacant positions. The positions have been recently vacated and now in the hiring process.
  - d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts? No.
  - e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request? No.

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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,

  
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Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Public Assistance Grant Program  
Fiscal Situation**

**Federal Funds Awarded:**

DR4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (7/1/2017-11/06/2019)	\$7,203,008.48
DR4355 Oct 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$10,215,372.35
DR4370 March 2018 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$4,087,090.42
DR4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (Ongoing)	\$2,666,737.28
DR4457 July 2019 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$3,531,663.16
DR4516 COVID-19 (Ongoing)	\$354,296,840.20
DR4622 July 2021 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$1,957,736.46
DR4624 July 2021 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$10,875,870.27
DR4693 December 2022 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$5,191,048.24
DR4740 July-2023 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	<u>\$8,942,474.34</u>
<b>Total Grant Funds Awarded</b>	<b>\$408,967,841.19</b>

Less expenses in FY 2018	(\$583,807.60)
Less expenses in FY 2019	(\$11,713,691.86)
Less expenses in FY 2020	(\$4,600,232.51)
Less expenses in FY 2021	(\$111,917,302.37)
Less expenses in FY 2022	(\$15,226,059.91)
Less expenses in FY 2023	<u>(\$94,340,992.09)</u>
<b>Total Prior Fiscal Year Actual Expenses</b>	<b>(\$238,382,086.34)</b>

**Net Grant Funds Remaining as of July 1, 2023** **\$170,585,754.85**

Less SFY 2024 Appropriation including prior year encumbrances (\$128,030,675.91)  
Account 02-23-23-236010-12320000

Excess grant funds available to appropriate \$42,555,078.94

**This Request** **\$42,047,880.00**