



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

January 22, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend \$1,036,000 to assist the Volunteer NH Program in matching their ARPA and other program funding in order to fully implement their programming and maximize funding opportunities, effective upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602(c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

01-02-002-020210-24690000[1] ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
EXPENDITURES				
040 - Indirect Costs	501587	\$165,105	\$2,500	\$167,605
041 - Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$213,944	\$1,035	\$214,979
042 - Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 - Grants Federal	500575	\$78,692,825	\$1,032,465	\$79,725,290
085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fn	588510	\$10,475,709	\$0	\$10,475,709
103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	\$8,819,640	\$0	\$8,819,640
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$98,427,723	\$1,036,000	\$99,463,723
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 - Federal Funds	400338-16	\$98,427,723	\$1,036,000	\$99,463,723
TOTAL REVENUE		\$98,427,723	\$1,036,000	\$99,463,723

¹¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0205A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0205Z. 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

This award would allow Volunteer NH to take advantage of funding allocated from AmeriCorps that requires a 1:1 match in order to get the most out of the funding allocation. Volunteer NH receives an annual formula allocation from AmeriCorps for their Commission Support Grant (CSG) that provides funding for commission operations. In 2022, AmeriCorps allocated additional CSG funds with American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars. Volunteer NH was allocated \$265,000 for the 3-year grant cycle. All CSG funds have a regulatory match of 1:1. AmeriCorps can grant an Alternative Match Schedule (AMS) if a commission can meet the requirement. As Volunteer NH receives no state funding, they applied for and were awarded an AMS. The AMS only addressed a small portion of the funding, this award would provide the additional match needed to fully utilize funding and maximize effectiveness.

Additionally, Volunteer NH currently has a Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) award. VGF awards are granted to increase the capacity of volunteer programs, enabling them to serve more people and more effectively address demand for programming. The COVID-19 pandemic deeply impacted volunteer recruitment and these funds are in high demand. The annual award was \$360,000, the majority of these funds were sub granted out to non-profits to increase their capacity to recruit and utilize volunteers. In 2023, 24 non-profits received funding through the program and the impact was significant. Without these additional match funds the program would be depleted, and Volunteer NH would not be able to continue this program.

This match funding will allow Volunteer NH to:

- Conduct a comprehensive AmeriCorps member outreach program, as well as program outreach to new nonprofits.
- Conduct larger media outreach campaigns.
- Retain a dedicated staff person to continue for an additional 2 years past the current end date of the CSG ARP funds. The individual in this position will continue the work that is needed toward recruitment of AmeriCorps members and volunteers and support the nonprofits with capacity building resources.
- Continue the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) awards, allowing Volunteer NH to continue sub-granting to other nonprofits.
- Continue their Spirit of NH Awards; these awards are primarily sponsor-funded. However, due to a downshift in sponsorship revenue, Volunteer NH has had to hold smaller events, limiting the ability and accessibility of the event.

Funds for this award are made available through ARPA SFRF funding that has been reallocated from programs that did not expend their entire award amount. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602(c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue.

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Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per RSA 21-1:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate central service costs.

Class 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124: 16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072- Grants Federal to provide funding for Volunteer NH to meet federal funding match requirement. .

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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