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NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL

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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), New Hampshire Hospital, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$2,661,000 to undertake comprehensive security upgrades at New Hampshire Hospital, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through September 30, 2024, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602(c)(1)(A), to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-94-940010-2465<sup>1</sup> HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9544A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9544Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 100,323,565	\$ 2,661,000	\$ 102,984,565
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost	\$ 261,653		\$ 261,653
	General Fund	\$ -		\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 100,585,218</b>	<b>\$ 2,661,000</b>	<b>\$ 103,246,218</b>
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 76,256		\$ 76,256
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 160,010		\$ 160,010
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	\$ 3,080,058		\$ 3,080,058
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 68,001		\$ 68,001
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 300		\$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,119,103		\$ 2,119,103
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 101,009	\$ 2,658	\$ 103,667
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,870		\$ 4,870
046-500462	Consultants	\$ 1		\$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$ 1		\$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	\$ 1		\$ 1
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$ 2,009		\$ 2,009
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 77,458		\$ 77,458
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 24,906		\$ 24,906
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	\$ 3,726,929		\$ 3,726,929
085-588514	Interagency Transfers Out of Federal	\$ 52,750		\$ 52,750
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 65,536,998		\$ 65,536,998
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 25,548,559	\$ 2,658,342	\$ 28,206,901
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 100,585,218</b>	<b>\$ 2,661,000</b>	<b>\$ 103,246,218</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requests funding to improve security at New Hampshire Hospital (NHH) in response to the Department of Safety recommendations from an assessment of existing security protocols and systems conducted at the direction of Governor Sununu. The Department of Safety issued its findings in a report on November 28, 2023, with security recommendations for NHH. Consequently, DHHS requests funds to implement the security enhancement recommendations included in the report to ensure the safety of patients, staff, and the public.

DHHS worked with the Division of Public works and a contracted architect firm, to redesign the NHH vestibule and front lobby to enhance visitor screening and security. The existing space will be renovated and serve as a single-entry point for all staff and visitors, at both NHH and the new attached forensic psychiatric unit currently being constructed. This will allow for centralized

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screening in one location and includes the purchasing of contraband and weapons detection equipment. These changes will increase security and provide greater control over the space and areas of refuge should an incident occur.

Without this funding, NHH will not have funding available to address safety recommendations identified by the Department of Safety's recent report. The Department respectfully requests approval of this proposal to ensure the safety of its patients, employees, and the public.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires 0.1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 103 – The funds will be used for contracted services.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

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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Commissioner