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New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

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February 21, 2024

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 RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, requests authorization to amend the Fiscal Committee Item FIS 22-405 (approved November 18, 2022) and Governor and Council item #57 (approved November 22, 2022), and as extended by Fiscal Committee Item FIS 23-166 (approved May 19, 2023) and by Governor and Council item #160 (May 31, 2023), for the NH Meat Processing Infrastructure and Training Investment Program, by adjusting the project scope for the Certificate in Meat Processing and Food Safety program and by extending the end date from June 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024, with no increase in funding, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602(c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. **100% Federal Funds.**

EXPLANATION

Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for a Certificate in Meat Processing and Food Safety program as part of NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food's (DAMF) Meat Processing and Training Program was approved by Fiscal Committee on November 18, 2022 and by Governor and Council on November 22, 2022. The original proposal included a Mobile Meat Processing Laboratory to support in-person learning across the state as part of a comprehensive education program addressing the need for skilled labor in the meat processing industry. As the project moved from planning to implementation, rising costs in manufacturing have made purchasing a viable Mobile Meat Processing Laboratory impossible within the approved budget.

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To fulfill the purpose of the Certificate in Meat Processing and Food Safety Program to train and educate the local workforce and support the region's agricultural industry by expanding awareness of career opportunities within the meat processing industry without a Mobile Meat Processing Laboratory, DAMF has worked with UNH Professional Development and Training Organization to develop an alternative plan. The revised program would feature a regional in-person, hands-on training program utilizing licensed partner facilities throughout New Hampshire offering real-life experience in a meat processing and packaging facility with direct instruction from industry experts and USDA Food Safety Inspection professionals. This new strategy would allow the first 100 interested learners to participate in the entirety of the program at no cost to them and provide funding for enhanced marketing and administration.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI and RSA 124:15, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is seeking approval on behalf of State Agencies to amend the accept and expend of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) requests by extending the end date for funding, new positions, and/or new Class 046-Consultants, created in relation to the acceptance of ARPA SFRF funds, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Administrative Services is seeking approval, on behalf of the State Agencies listed in Attachment A, to extend the effective date of the attached items from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This extension is allowable under the "procedural rules amendment" approved at the previous Fiscal Committee meeting on April 21, 2023. All items included in the attachment have been previously submitted by the respective state agency responsible for the program and approved by both the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council. In addition, the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) has reviewed the attachment and concurs with the extensions requested.

While all ARPA SFRF must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026, this request only serves to authorize agencies' program balances that are unspent as of June 30, 2023, as well as positions and consultants created pursuant to RSA 124:15, to carry forward into FY24 and reauthorize projects or programs that were already intended to continue utilizing authorized ARPA SFRF into the next biennium. This will also grant agencies in coordination with GOFERR time to further evaluate projects and programs as the ARPA SFRF obligation deadline approaches in order to

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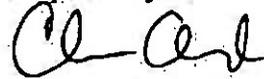
ensure any funds that may need to be reallocated to other uses have sufficient time to do so. Any request to reallocate an existing budget or repurpose funds for new or existing projects will require future Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals and are not contemplated in this item.

If this item is not timely approved, the State would need to issue layoff notices to employees hired into these federally funded positions, created under the original ARPA request, agencies would halt work on time-sensitive projects or payments on existing contracts, and ongoing programs would be unable to issue or follow through on awards. Further, each agency would then need to submit a retroactive request to July 1, 2023 for approval to reauthorize the positions and funding; however, the retroactive requests would not eliminate the need to issue layoff notices in June 2023.

Typically, agencies budget for known federal grants in the upcoming biennial budget; however, the budget guidance issued in August 2022 instructed Agencies to exclude all COVID-related funding from their FY24-FY25 budget submissions in order to maintain the authorization methodology, compliance protocols, and audit trail that had become standard for use and oversight of ARPA SFRF. Moreover, although the funding is authorized by the federal government beyond June 30, 2023, including this one-time funding would have erroneously inflated the FY24-FY25 State budget.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these programs. The Department of Administrative Services seeks approval of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles M. Arlinghaus
Commissioner

Attachment A

Line	Agency/Entity	Program Name/Purpose	Fiscal Committee Approval	Governor & Council Approval	AU #	Positions to Extend
1	Department of Administrative Services	State Building HVAC Replace and Repair/Maintenance	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-135	06/16/2021 - #154	24780000 24810000 24870000	9T3149 9T3150 9T3151
2	Department of Administrative Services	Temporary Capacity Increase - DPW	08/20/2021 - FIS 21-207	08/18/2021 - #122	24940000	
3	Department of Administrative Services	State Agency recruitment support	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-081; 02/17/2023 - FIS 23-060	03/09/2022 - #96 02/22/2023 - #102	26400000	9T3228 9T3226 9T3227 9T3297
4	Department of Administrative Services	Investments in Deferred Maintenance at State Facilities	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-267	07/27/2022 - #125	26640000	N/A
5	Department of Administrative Services	Cloud Migration of State ERP System	02/17/2023 - FIS 23-050	02/22/2023 - #100	28070000	N/A
6	Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food	NH Meat Processing Infrastructure and Training Investment Program	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-405	11/22/2022 - #57	26900000	N/A
7	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	Broadband Infrastructure	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-136; 03/24/2023 - FIS 23-096	06/16/2021 - #89; 04/12/2023 - #77	24410000	9T3102 9T3103 9T3104
8	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	InvestNH Program Support Staff	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-117	03/23/2022 - #79	26420000	9T3220 9T3233 9T3234
9	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	InvestNH Program Fund	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-150	05/04/2022 - #67	26520000	N/A
10	Department of Corrections	DOC Air Handlers & Ductwork Replacement	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-137	06/16/2021 - #75	24390000	N/A
11	Department of Corrections	Upgrading the Offender Management System (OMS)	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-033	01/26/2022 - #59	26340000	N/A
12	Department of Corrections	Fiber Optic Cable Upgrade and Replacement	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-034	01/26/2022 - #58	26350000	N/A
13	Department of Corrections	National Guard Temporary Staff Support	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-038	01/26/2022 - #57	26360000	N/A
14	Department of Corrections	Air Handlers & Ductwork Replacement - Additional Funds	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-368	10/19/2022 - #43	24390000	N/A
15	Department of Corrections	SWEEP - Technology and Automation Upgrades	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-369	10/19/2022 - #44	26810000	N/A

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16	Department of Education	College & Career Skills Mentoring Pilot Program (Big Brothers)	12/17/2021 - FIS 21-393	12/22/2021 - #95	26070000	N/A
17	Department of Education	School Security Project Investment	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-236	06/29/2022 - #158	26610000	N/A
18	Department of Education	School Security Project Investment	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-249	07/27/2022 - #99	26610000	9T3279
19	Department of Environmental Services	Drinking and Wastewater Infrastructure	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-138; 05/20/2022 - FIS 22-171	06/16/2021 - #101; 06/01/2022 - #75	24760000	9T3089 9T3090 9T3091 9T3092 9T3093 9T3094 9T3095 9T3097
20	Department of Environmental Services	Drinking and Wastewater Infrastructure II	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-313	10/27/2021 - #86	24760000	9T3096
21	Department of Environmental Services	Air Permit Relief Program	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-164	06/02/2022 - #72	24760000	N/A
22	Department of Environmental Services	LRM Permitting Positions	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-179	06/01/2022 - #73	24760000	N/A
23	Department of Environmental Services	Investment in State and Municipal Dam Infrastructure	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-195	06/01/2022 - #74	26570000	9T3235 9T3236 9T3237 9T3238
24	Department of Environmental Services	SWEEP - Online Systems and Full time Temporary Position	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-406	11/22/2022 - #99	26950000	9T3278
25	Department of Health and Human Services	Mental Health System Service Improvements (BHIP)	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-139	06/16/2021 - #13	24650000	N/A
26	Department of Health and Human Services	New Hampshire Hospital Upgrades (Lamott Roof, Health & Safety, and Seclusion Room)	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-140	06/16/2021 - #12	24650000	N/A
27	Department of Health and Human Services	Bureau of Family Assistance Call Center	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-169; 06/17/2022 - FIS 22-230; 03/24/2023 - FIS 23-106	06/30/2021 - #7; 06/15/2022 - #12; 03/22/2023 - #20A	24650000	N/A
28	Department of Health and Human Services	Healthcare Workforce Capacity - Underserved Populations	08/20/2021 - FIS 21-243	08/18/2021 - #14	24650000	9T3160
29	Department of Health and Human Services	Hampstead Hospital	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-314; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-083	10/27/2021 - #7B; 02/16/2022 - Late Item A	24380000	N/A

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30	Department of Health and Human Services	Early Intervention and Prevention Behavior Health Support (DBH)	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-354	11/22/2021 - #12	26480000	N/A
31	Department of Health and Human Services	Early Childhood Mental Health Support	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-355	11/22/2021 - #11	24650000	N/A
32	Department of Health and Human Services	Facility & COVID-19 Response Support (EO 2021-12 Reponse)	12/02/2021 - FIS 21-363	12/08/2021 - #6B	24650000	N/A
33	Department of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Care Management Study	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-014	01/26/2022 - #6	24650000	N/A
34	Department of Health and Human Services	Behavioral Health Strike Team	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-042	01/26/2022 - #14	24650000	N/A
35	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Supplies and Equipment Storage (Warehouse Lease)	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-113	03/23/2022 - #13	24650000	N/A
36	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Wastewater Testing	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-146	04/20/2022 - #27	24650000	N/A
37	Department of Health and Human Services	Hampstead Hospital Operations Contract	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-152	04/20/2022 - #6	26480000	N/A
38	Department of Health and Human Services	Investment in SUD Related Services and Prevention Efforts	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-269	07/27/2022 - #52	24650000	N/A
39	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Mobile Testing and Vaccination Services	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-304	09/07/2022 - #26	24650000	N/A
40	Department of Health and Human Services	Birth Center and Midwife Insurance Premium Stabilization	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-312	09/21/2022 - #11	24650000	N/A
41	Department of Health and Human Services	Short Term and Cold Weather Shelter Support	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-313	09/07/2022 - #25A	24650000	N/A
42	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Winter Surge Services	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-361	10/19/2022 - #7	24650000	N/A
43	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID PCR Tests for SNH Congregate Living Settings	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-362	10/19/2022 - #8	24650000	N/A
44	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Appeals Portal	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-363	10/19/2022 - #9	24650000	N/A
45	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Incident Management System Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-364	10/19/2022 - #10	24650000	N/A
46	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Call Center	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-366	10/19/2022 - #12	24650000	N/A
47	Department of Health and Human Services	Forensic Hospital Investments	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-398	11/22/2022 - #11	24650000	N/A
48	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Testing Service Contracts	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-422	11/22/2022 - #7	24650000	N/A
49	Department of Health and Human Services	SolutionHealth Consolidated Behavioral Health Hospital	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-305	03/22/2023 - #6A	24650000	N/A

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50	Department of Health and Human Services	Strengthening Child Care Workforce	04/21/2023 - FIS 23-124	04/12/2023 - #15	24650000	N/A
51	Department of Information Technology	ARP Cloud Services, Continuity of Operation, IT, and Cybersecurity	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-141	06/16/2021 - #68	24540000 24420000 24600000 24480000	N/A
52	Department of Information Technology	Cyber Insurance/Protection Program	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-114	03/23/2022 - #57	26410000	N/A
53	Department of Information Technology	Portable Wi-Fi Connectivity Support	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-205	06/01/2022 - #45	26590000	N/A
54	Department of Information Technology	State Licensing Portal Modernization	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-265	07/27/2022 - #29	26630000	N/A
55	Department of Justice	Temporary Staff for Criminal Investigation-YDC	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-142; 02/17/2023 - FIS 23-057	06/16/2021 - #137; 03/07/2023 - #95	24620000	9U672 9U673 9U674 9U675 9T3141 9T3142
56	Department of Justice	Grant Aid - COVID 19 Relaxed Restrictions	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-168; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-065; 07/22/2022 - FIS 22-253	06/30/2021 - #173; 02/16/2022 - #121; 07/27/2022 - #120	24590000	N/A
57	Department of Justice	Support for Increased Victim Services & VOCA	09/17/2021 - FIS 21-252; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-064; 07/22/2022 - FIS 22-254	10/13/2021 - #92A; 02/16/2022 - #123; 07/27/2022 - #121	24790000	N/A
58	Department of Justice	Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-199	05/18/2022 - #105A	26550000	N/A
59	Department of Justice	Support for Increased Victim Services & VOCA	02/17/2023 - FIS 23-056	02/22/2023 - #94	24790000	N/A
60	Department of Justice	Website Update and Modernization	03/24/2023 - FIS 23-100	03/22/2023 - #114	28270000	N/A
61	Department of Labor	SWEEP - OnBase System Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-353	10/19/2022 - #42	26800000	N/A
62	Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	SWEEP - Cloud Based Database	N/A	10/19/2022 - #36	26620000	N/A
63	Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	SWEEP - Automated Inventory Tracking Software	N/A	10/19/2022 - #36	26620000	N/A

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64	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	State Parks Projects	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-143; 09/09/2022 - FIS 22-322	06/16/2021 - #93; 09/21/2022 - #76	24670000	9T3143
65	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	The Save Our Granite Stages (SOGS) Program	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-082	03/09/2022 - #62	26390000	N/A
66	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	State Parks - Historic Sites Improvements	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-266	07/27/2022 - #61	26660000	N/A
67	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Trail Groomer and Trail GIS Mapping Tool	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-352	10/19/2022 - #59	26840000	N/A
68	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Digital Online User Generated Review and Compliance System (DOUG R&C)	04/21/2023 - FIS 23-126	05/03/2023 - #75	TBD	N/A
69	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - Highspeed Scanner Investment	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-354	10/19/2022 - #32	26410000	N/A
70	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - RIMS CORE21 Software Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-355	10/19/2022 - #33	26760000	N/A
71	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - Web Application Upgrade and Enhancement	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-356	10/19/2022 - #34	26790000	N/A
72	Department of Safety	School Physical Security Assessments and IPOC	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-145	06/16/2021 - #133	24740000 24800000	TMPPT6039 TMPPT6040
73	Department of Safety	CDL Licensing Improvements Program	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-311	10/27/2021 - #102	24440000	9T3171 9T3172 9T3173 9T3174
74	Department of Safety	First Responder Recruitment and Training Program	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-350	11/22/2021 - #101	24830000	9T3190
75	Department of Safety	NHSP Forensic Biology Resources	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-201	05/18/2022 - #98A	26540000	9T3277
76	Department of Safety	COVID-19 After Action Report and Improvement Plan	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-235	06/29/2022 - #165	26720000	N/A
77	Department of Safety	SUD Related Public Awareness Campaign	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-270	07/27/2022 - #108	26650000	N/A
78	Department of Safety	SWEEP - DOS Critical IT Investments	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-351	10/19/2022 - #93	26870000 26880000 26890000	N/A
79	Department of Safety	E911 Facility Investment	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-421	11/22/2022 - #159	26920000	N/A
80	Department of Transportation	SWEEP - Winter and Highway Maintenance	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-370	10/19/2022 - #23	26740000	N/A

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81	Fish and Game Department	Temporary Permit Application Review Staff Support for Water Projects	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-156	06/16/2021 - #90	24750000	9T3101
82	Fish and Game Department	Temporary Permit Application Review Staff Support for Water Projects	08/03/2021 - FIS 21-197	08/18/2021 - #45A	24750000	9T3157 9T3159 9T3158
83	Fish and Game Department	Design and construction of three fish hatchery systems (Late Item)	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-153	04/20/2022 - #68	26490000	N/A
84	Fish and Game Department	SWEEP - IT Solutions Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-349	10/19/2022 - #55	26830000	N/A
85	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Expanding and Modernizing Technology Related Programming (NCC Engineering) and Guidehouse Contract	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-146	06/16/2021 - #63	24690000	N/A
86	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	GOFERR Admin Budget	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-172	06/30/2021 - #93	19110000	N/A
87	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Housing Needs Administration Program	08/03/2021 - FIS 21-203	08/04/2021 - #33A	24690000	N/A
88	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Youth Residential Facility Improvement Program	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-283; 09/09/2022 - FIS 22-300	10/27/2021 - #62; 09/07/2022 - #63	24690000	N/A
89	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	LNA Recruiting and Training Program	12/17/2021 - FIS 21-391	12/22/2021 - #59	24690000	N/A
90	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Career Pathways Program	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-080	03/09/2022 - #58	24690000	N/A
91	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Temporary Relief for Guardian Appointments	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-115	03/23/2022 - #78	24690000	N/A
92	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Veteran Housing and Retreat Center	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-116	03/23/2022 - #77	24690000	N/A
93	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	CCSNH Licensed Practitioner Nurse (LPN) program	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-148	04/20/2022 - #63	24690000	N/A
94	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Involuntary Emergency Admissions Case Improvements	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-149	04/20/2022 - #62	24690000	N/A
95	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-237	06/15/2022 - #80B	24690000	N/A
96	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Investments in SUD Facilities and Programming	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-268	07/27/2022 - #52	24690000	N/A

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97	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-318	09/21/2022 - #70	24690000	N/A
98	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	County Emergency Equipment Investment Program	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-357	10/19/2022 - #47	24690000	N/A
99	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Judicial Branch Infrastructure Investments	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-358	10/19/2022 - #48	24690000	N/A
100	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Community Center Investment Program	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-359	10/19/2022 - #49	24690000	N/A
101	Judicial Council	Support for Indigent Defense	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-307	10/27/2021 - #49	24430000	N/A
102	New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights	SWEEP - Case Management and Public Information Portal	N/A	11/22/2022 - #58	26960000	N/A
103	New Hampshire Employment Security	Transportation Workforce Recruitment	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-306	10/27/2021 - #48	24460000	N/A
104	New Hampshire Employment Security	NH Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-426	11/22/2022 - #56A	26940000	N/A
105	New Hampshire Insurance Department	SWEEP - Modernize critical IT Infrastructure	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-407	11/22/2022 - #59	26930000	N/A
106	New Hampshire Veterans Home	NH Veterans Home Support - Fire Suppression Improvements	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-321	09/07/2022 - #70A	26730000	N/A
107	New Hampshire Veterans Home	SWEEP- IT Infrastructure and Resident Safety Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-360	10/19/2022 - #84	26860000	N/A
108	Pease Development Authority - DPH	Pease Development Authority (PDA)	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-351	11/22/2021 - #58	24560000	N/A
109	Pease Development Authority - DPH	PDA Port Authority Investments	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-234	06/15/2022 - #80A	26600000	N/A
110	Police Standards and Training Council	PSTC A/C Replacements and Range Ventilation	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-144	06/16/2021 - #132	24880000	N/A

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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, requests authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$1,023,523 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for the NH Meat Processing Infrastructure and Training Investment Program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c) (1) (A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.
100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2023 in the following account:

02-018-018-180010-NEWXXXXXX, ARPA Meat Processing and Training ¹		FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2023
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	Current Modified Budget	BUDGET REQUEST	Revised Budget
040 - 501587	Indirect Cost	\$0	\$12,499	\$12,499
041 - 500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$1,024	\$1,024
072 - 502627	Grant - Federal - Discretionary	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000
103 - 502664	Contracts for Op. Services	\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000
Total Expense			\$1,023,523	\$1,023,523
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$0	\$1,023,523	\$1,023,523
Total Funding			\$1,023,523	\$1,023,523

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH1801A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH1801Z. 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

Certificate in Meat Processing and Food Safety - \$260,000 is requested to address workforce needs in local food production. Meat processing professionals are critical team members in the supply chain that moves agricultural animal assets from the farm to the table. However, recent ongoing workforce challenges have led to significant staffing shortages in New Hampshire's meat and poultry processing facilities. The State does not currently have any meat cutting training, certificate-level or above, and stakeholders have agreed that such a program is important for the sustainability of the industry.

The proposed Meat Processing and Food Safety program consists of a blend of hands-on in-person and online training programs to train and educate the local workforce as well as support the region's agriculture industry. This program will be administered by UNH Cooperative Extension and the UNH Professional Development and Training organization. To expand awareness of career opportunities within the meat processing industry and to increase the inclusivity and scope of training opportunities, a Mobile Meat Processing Laboratory is proposed. The mobile lab would allow for the program to travel through the region to high schools, vocational centers, and industry partners to conduct career orientations and hands-on training programs.

Meat Processing Infrastructure Grants - \$750,000 is requested to address the severe capacity limitations facing small and midsize livestock producers and ensure they have places to process their products and remain in business. Labor shortages and limited availability of USDA certified processing facilities have impacted production of local meat, despite growing demand. During COVID, many small and midsize meat producers were completely locked out of the processing schedule starting in early 2020 with waiting lists now averaging 18 to 24 months or more.

Equipment and infrastructure upgrades for NH meat processing facilities, farms, and businesses that provide slaughter, processing, and custom butchering services, provided through a grant program administered by the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, could alleviate these impacts and create new options for processing. The grant program would feature a match component, whereby applicants will contribute 15% of the requested funds and ARPA SFRF will provide 85%. The maximum amount that can be awarded in any one application will be \$200,000. Examples of eligible equipment can include items such as convection ovens, skinners, smokehouse, coolers, or mobile processing units designed for either poultry or beef.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs – to recover central services

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside: - .001 of federal funds payable to DAS for audit fees per RSA 124:16

Class 072 – Grants - Federal – Discretionary – for disbursing out Federal Funds to assist the meat processing industry and related workforce as described in the explanation

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Class 103 – Contracts for Operational Services – for the purpose of developing training programs
for the local workforce as well as support the regions' agricultural industry

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner