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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 Homeland Security Emergency Management, to accept and expend \$3,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), for the further implement security enhancements in State facilities. 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 September 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

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

02-23-23-236010-281.10000<sup>1</sup> – Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management, Security Enhancements - ARP

| <u>Class</u>               | <u>Description</u>        | <u>SFY 2024 Authorized Budget</u> | <u>Requested Action</u> | <u>SFY 2024 Total Authorized Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 000-400338-16              | Federal Funds             | \$ (2,750,000)                    | \$ (3,000,000)          | \$ (5,750,000)                          |
| 030-500311                 | Equipment                 | 500,000                           | 500,000                 | 1,000,000                               |
| 040-500800                 | Indirect Costs            | 319,559                           |                         | 319,559                                 |
| 041-500801                 | Audit Fund Set Aside      | 2,750                             | 3,000                   | 5,750                                   |
| 103-500736                 | Contracts For Op Services | 1,927,691                         | 2,497,000               | 4,424,691                               |
| <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b> |                           | <b>\$ 2,750,000</b>               | <b>\$ 3,000,000</b>     | <b>\$ 5,750,000</b>                     |

<sup>1)</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2315A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2315Z. 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

Following the event that took place on November 17, 2023, at the New Hampshire Hospital, a working group was established to review and assess our existing security measures and identify areas of improvement. The purpose of this request is to supplement the initial request of \$2,750,000 approved by the Fiscal Committee on February 9, 2024 FIS#24-046 and by the Governor and Executive Council on February 21, 2024 item #136. The initial request was to implement the following security measures at the designated locations: the State Office Complex (Pleasant Street), State House Complex (State House, Legislative Building, Annex, State Library), and the Hazen Drive Office Complex:

- State Security Assessment: Develop and administer a request for proposal for a security firm to partner with the State of New Hampshire to conduct security assessments in select areas.
- Planning/Training/Exercising: Reassess and enhance the response plan, administer further training and exercising of the response plan.
- Communication: Upgrade and improve communication and notification systems within the facilities to alert staff of critical events.
- Associated Equipment: Procure bullet resistant film for high hazard areas and associated security officer equipment.

This request will further implement the initiative by:

Class 030 – Procuring the remaining required equipment for bullet resistant film and associated security officer equipment.

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:
  - Increase incident management, incident command and emergency operations center training, workshops, tabletops, and full-scale exercises surrounding active threat responses practices.
  - Assist with the identification and implementation of short-term and long-term strategic security measures at State Facilities.
  - Increase Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training opportunities for all State employees.

These are allowable uses 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.

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