



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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April 22, 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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services to accept and expend American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds, authorized under the Elder Justice Act, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living in the amount of \$1,253,704, to enhance and improve adult protective services, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through September 30, 2024, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-048-481010-26040000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS; HHS: DLTSS-ELDERLY & ADULT SVCS; GRANTS FOR SOCIAL SVC PROG; ELDER JUSTICE ARP GRANT

Table with 5 columns: Class/Object, Class Title, Current Adjusted Authorized Budget, Requested Change, Adjusted Budget. Rows include Revenue (Federal Funds, General Funds) and Expense (Current Expenses, Equipment, Audit Fund, Employee Training, Promotional And Marketing, In State Travel, Grants for Pub Asst and Relief, Out of State Travel, Contracts for Program Svs, Contracts for Operational Svs).

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept and expend grant funds available through September 30, 2024, to administer Adult Protective Services (APS) Elder Justice American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds from the Administration for Community Living. Funds are being used to enhance and improve adult protective services provided by continuing the development and implementation of an online reporting system for APS and for the automation of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) State Registry. The online reporting system will be accessible 24 hours a day and information submitted will be immediately uploaded into the APS investigation management system, making it immediately accessible to APS staff. State Registry checks will be submitted online to the BEAS State Registry and employers will be able to log in and view State Registry check results. System enhancement will also be implemented to ensure APS staff have access to the information needed to streamline access, communication and coordination with Choices for Independence Waiver participants working with APS.

In addition to improvements in the APS technology system, funds will further enhance APS operations by providing training to staff which will include sending APS staff to the National Adult Protective Services Association's annual conference, and other training opportunities relevant to APS work and competencies, including specialized focus areas such as forensic interviewing. Funds are also targeted for direct client services for emergent situations and circumstances that need to be addressed as a transition to long term supports and services. These services would include immediate help for food, shelter, utilities, and other basic needs. Some of the funds will be used to purchase equipment for APS staff and for the public awareness activities such as updating printed and other outreach materials.

Lastly, some funds will be used to further the work in process with Evident Change, formerly the National Council on Crime & Delinquency and the Children's Research Center to review and revise the Structured Decision-Making® assessments used in Adult Protective Services. These tools were implemented in 2008 through a contract with the National Council on Crime & Delinquency and the Children's Research Center and had a minor revision in 2011. We are currently updating these systems. The Structured Decision-Making model for adult protection services assists New Hampshire APS to make decisions, based on a standardized tool, for and with vulnerable adults. This evidence and research-based system, which Evident Change created, identifies the key points in an APS case and uses structured assessments to improve the consistency and validity of each decision. The Structured Decision-Making model for adult protection seeks to reduce subsequent harm to vulnerable adults and to improve the delivery of appropriate services.

- Class 020 Funding for supplies for APS staff.
- Class 030 Funding for needed equipment for APS staff.
- Class 041 Audit costs per state requirements.
- Class 066 Provides funding for APS staff training.
- Class 069 Funding for updating and developing public awareness and educational material.
- Class 080 Provides funding for APS staff to attend the National Adult Protective Services Associations annual conference.
- Class 102 Information technology development and implementation of an on-line reporting platform, automation of the BEAS State Registry and the Structured Decision-Making model.
- Class 103 Funds to support vendor services to support emergency needs of clients.

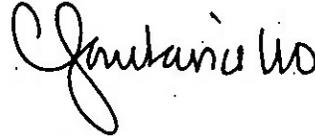
Area Served: Statewide.

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Source of Funds: 100% Federal from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,



for

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**Division for Long Term Supports and Services
Elder Justice ARP Grant**

Fiscal Situation: Account 05-95-48-481010-26040000

Agency Income:

Grant Award LA2HR1U97VC6 \$1,899,154.00

Total Funds Available \$1,899,154.00

SFY 23 Expenses (\$146,557.30)

Prior Fiscal Year Expenses (\$146,557.30)

SFY 2024 Adjusted Authorized Appropriations (\$498,892.70)

Allocated Indirect Costs \$0.00

Total Appropriations (\$498,892.70)

Net Grant Funds Remaining \$1,253,704.00

This Request \$1,253,704.00



Notice of Award

Title of Program: (APC6) American Rescue Plan (ARP) for APS under SSA Title XX Section 2042(b)

Award Authority: P.L. 117-2 under P.L. 115-123 (SSA)

Grantee:
New Hampshire
Dept of Health and Human Services
Office of Family Services Elderly & Adult Services
129, Pleasant St.
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301 3852

Date: June 7, 2023

Grant No.: 2101NHAPC6-03
Award Instrument: Grant (Formula)
Project Period: 08-01-2021 - 09-30-2024
Budget Period: 08-01-2021 - 09-30-2024

EIN: 1026000618B1
DUNS#: 011040545

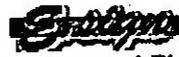
CFDA: 93.747
UEI#: LA2HR1U97VC6

Object Class Code: 41.15

Appropriation	CAN	Award This Action	Cumulative Grant Award to Date
75-X-0142	2023,299C6J2	\$26,359.00	\$26,359.00
75-X-0142	2022,299C6J2	(\$26,359.00)	\$1,227,345.00
75-X-0142	2021,299C6J1		\$645,450.00
	Total	\$0	\$1,899,154.00

ACL Contact Information:

Please find your assigned ACL programmatic and fiscal contacts on ACL's website at <https://www.acl.gov/grants/acl-mandatory-grants-programmatic-and-fiscal-contacts>.


Emmanuel Ekwo
ACL Grants Officer

Terms and Conditions:

1. This grant is issued under the authority of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) for activities authorized under the Elder Justice Act Section 2042(b) of Title XX of the Social Security Act [Public Law 74-271] [As Amended Through P.L. 115-123, Enacted February 9, 2018]. The terms and conditions of this Notice of Award (NoA) and other requirements have the following order of precedence: (1) statute; (2) executive order; (3) program regulation; (4) administrative regulation found in 45 CFR Part 75; (5) agency policies; and (6) Any additional terms and conditions and remarks on NoA.

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Terms and Conditions: Please visit ACL's website at <https://www.acl.gov/grants/managing-grant> to view the terms and conditions, including but not limited to:

- Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment
- SAM.gov / DUNS Requirement
- Latest Consolidated Appropriations Act
- National Policies including Trafficking Victims Protection Act, Whistleblower Protections, DOMA: Implementation of Same-Sex Spouses/Marriages, Stevens Amendment, and Antidiscrimination.

Federal Funding Requirements: Please visit ACL's website at <https://www.acl.gov/grants/managing-grant> to view the federal funding requirements, including but not limited to:

- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)
- Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS)

2. **Award Acceptance:** Initial withdrawal of funds by the recipient, constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of this award. By requesting or receiving funds under this award, the recipient assures that it will carry out the project/program described in its approved state plan(s) and will comply with the terms and conditions and other requirements of this award.

3. **Withdrawals of funds** are not to exceed the total grant award shown above under provisions of Treasury Circular No. 1075. Failure to adhere to these requirements may cause the suspension of grant funds.

4. **Updated: SF-425 Financial Reporting:** Grantee is required to submit SF-425s on a semi-annual basis. The SF-425 shall be submitted using the HHS' Payment Management System (PMS) located at: <https://pms.psc.gov>. The first report covered the first 8 months (8/1/2021 - 3/31/2022). All subsequent reports cover 6-month periods. Reports are due within 30 days for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 (i.e., due April 30 and October 30) through September 30, 2024, a final SF-425 is due within 120 days after September 30, 2024 (i.e., due January 28, 2025). If a final SF-425 will be submitted January 28, 2025, the last semi-annual report for September 30, 2024 is not required.

5. **Programmatic Reporting:** Grantee is required to submit programmatic reports on an annual basis. Programmatic reports shall be submitted via ACL's National Adult Maltreatment System (NAMRS) located at: www.namrs.net. Annual reports are due beginning with 12 months from the date of the notice of award. A final report is due 90 days after the project period end date and should cover activities for the entire project period. For awards made on August 3, 2021 and this supplemental award, there will be 3 annual reports and 1 final report:

- a. Annual - August 31, 2022 (covering activities from Aug. 1, 2021 – Jul. 31, 2022)
- b. Annual - August 31, 2023 (covering activities from Aug. 1, 2022 – Jul. 31, 2023)
- c. Annual - August 31, 2024 (covering activities from Aug. 1, 2023 – Jul. 31, 2024)
- d. Final - December 31, 2024 (covering all activities from August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024)

Remarks:

1. This grant award is issued to correct the one-time supplemental funding for this program to your state for the project period listed above.

2. Payment under this award will be made available through the HHS Departmental Payment Management System (PMS). PMS provides instructions for making withdrawals of Federal funds. When requesting payment from PMS, please use your P account login and reference the Grant No. listed above for payment. Instructions regarding payments can be obtained at <https://pms.psc.gov/training/pms-user-guide.html#Request>, or contact your PSC Account Liaison; 1-877-614-5533; PMSSupport@psc.gov.

3. **Special Clause for Change in Key Personnel:** Per 2 CFR 200.308, recipients of federal funds must request approval from the grantor for a number of changes related to the grant, including a Change in Key Personnel identified in the application for federal funds or in the grant award. The regulation defines a Change in Key Personnel as the replacement or change in status (such as an absence for any continuous period of 3

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months or more, or reduction of time devoted to the project by 25 percent or more from the level in the approved application) of the Principal Investigator/Project Director (PI/PD).

Please click on following link for ACL process to request Change in Key Personnel:

https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/grants/Mandatory_Formula%20Grantee%20Notice_Mandatory_Formula%20Grants%20Module%20in%20GrantSolutions_Final.pdf.

4. Federal requirements regarding Cash Drawdowns listed in 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements can be found on [acl.gov](https://acl.gov/grants/memorandum-grantees-acl-mandatoryformula-grants):
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