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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

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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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic Stability, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $818,500 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, to be used for the Comprehensive Family Support Services, Newborn Navigation program. Effective upon approvals by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-045-450010-61460000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, TEMP ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-403982-16	Federal Funds	$ 14,131,692	$ 818,500	$ 14,950,192
009-407095-44	Agency Income	$ 2,800,464	$ -	$ 2,800,464
	General Fund	$ 15,849,037	$ -	$ 15,849,037
	Total Revenue	$ 32,781,194	$ 818,500	$ 33,599,694
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	$ 12,523	$ 819	$ 13,342
074-500589	Grants for Pub Asst and Rel	$ 2,732,180	$ 817,681	$ 3,549,861
501-500425	Payments To Clients	$ 29,241,600	$ -	$ 29,241,600
502-500891	Payments to Providers	$ 44,891	$ -	$ 44,891
538-500380	Emergency Assistance	$ 750,000	$ -	$ 750,000
	Total Expense	$ 32,781,194	$ 818,500	$ 33,599,694

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to increase funding to the Comprehensive Family Support Services (CFSS) Home Visiting program by implementing Newborn Navigation. CFSS contractors will implement Newborn Navigation designated staff within the (CFSS) catchment areas, excluding the City of Manchester to avoid a duplication of services that are currently provided by other programs in the area. CFSS agencies will work

within their communities to build relationships with providers, such as birthing hospitals, social service agencies, and pediatricians, to support a collaborative approach to Newborn Navigation. This expansion will increase newborn families' engagement, enrollment in home visiting, and connections to community-based resources. This includes connections to home visiting programs as early as possible to support maternal, family, and child health outcomes, and reduce the risk of child maltreatment. Newborn Navigation staff will provide preventative services at no cost to families such as positive parenting techniques, child development screenings, maternal depression screenings, and resources and referrals. Services include referrals and connections to concrete supports such as nutrition support, postpartum support, childcare, employment programs, economic mobility support, and state benefits.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires .1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 074 – The funds will be used for Newborn Navigation services as part of the Comprehensive Family Support Services Home Visiting Program. This expansion will reach more individuals and increase newborn families' connections to community-based resources as early as possible. This includes connections to home visiting programs to support maternal, family, and child health outcomes, and reduce the risk of child maltreatment. Funds will support the Newborn Navigation program implementation.

Areas Served: Statewide (except the City of Manchester)

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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