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**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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June 5, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to budget and expend current revenue funds received as cost reimbursement in a litigation matter, in the amount of \$596,025, for the purpose of covering a portion of future projected shortfalls in general litigation expenses expected to be incurred in Fiscal Year 2025 in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal laws, effective with the approvals of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025. 100% Agency Income.

These funds are to be budgeted in account #02-20-20-200010-2601 entitled "Attorney General" as follows:

Class & Object	Class Title	FY 2024 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	FY 2024 Revised Adjusted Authorized
<b>Expenditures</b>				
010-500100	PERSONAL SERVICES PERM CLASS	\$441,632	\$0	\$441,632
011-500126	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIFI	\$155,418	\$0	\$155,418
012-500128	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIFI	\$141,225	\$0	\$141,225
013-500132	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIFI	\$131,088	\$0	\$131,088
014-500134	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIFI	\$108,271	\$0	\$108,271
015-500137	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIFI	\$123,009	\$0	\$123,009

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017-500147	FT EMPLOYEES SPECIAL PAYMENT	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
018-500106	OVERTIME	\$7,150	\$0	\$7,150
020-500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	\$47,400	\$0	\$47,400
022-500255	RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STAT	\$7,927	\$0	\$7,927
024-500225	MAINT OTHER THAN BUILD-GRN	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200
026-500251	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	\$38,000	\$0	\$38,000
027-582703	TRANSFERS TO DOIT	\$69,334	\$0	\$69,334
028-582814	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL SERVICES	\$86,436	\$0	\$86,436
030-500301	EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
037-500174	TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE	\$6,800	\$0	\$6,800
038-500175	TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200
039-500188	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$18,925	\$0	\$18,925
040-501587	INDIRECT COSTS	\$2,773	\$0	\$2,773
042-500620	ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$4,100	\$0	\$4,100
049-584995	TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGEN	\$6,537	\$0	\$6,537
057-500531	BOOKS PERIODICALS SUBSCRIPTI	\$92,800	\$0	\$92,800
060-500601	BENEFITS	\$443,257	\$0	\$443,257
066-500543	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
070-500704	IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMEN	\$3,250	\$0	\$3,250
073-500580	GRANTS NON FEDERAL	\$4,535,391	\$0	\$4,535,391
080-500713	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMB	\$7,350	\$0	\$7,350
089-501543	TRANSFER TO DAS MAINTENANCE FUND	\$2,712	\$0	\$2,712
233-500769	LITIGATION EXPENSE	\$7,297,535	\$596,025	\$7,893,560
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,801,220</b>	<b>\$596,025</b>	<b>\$14,397,245</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
009-407079	AGENCY INCOME	\$23,506	\$596,025	\$619,531
00S-000010	GENERAL FUNDS	\$13,777,714	\$0	\$13,777,714
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,801,220</b>	<b>\$596,025</b>	<b>\$14,397,245</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) received a reimbursement from funds paid for investigation, mediation and litigation costs related to the Lakes Region Healthcare bankruptcy case. In August of Fiscal Year 2024 and pursuant to RSA 7:12, the Department came before the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and the Governor and Executive Council to increase its litigation budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by \$6,906,316, from \$350,000 to \$7,256,316.

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In Fiscal Year 2025, the DOJ will, again, have a budget of \$350,000 and does expect to come before the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council to increase its Fiscal Year 2025 litigation budget. The DOJ requests to use this reimbursement to reduce expected requests for additional Fiscal Year 2025 funds pursuant to RSA 7:12. These funds will be used by DOJ in the prosecution of crimes and the defense of the State.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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