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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
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenue, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to amend Fiscal Committee item FIS 21-139[1] approved on June 8, 2021, and Governor and Executive Council item #13 approved on June 16, 2021, as amended by Fiscal Committee item FIS 22-314 approved on September 9, 2022, and Governor and Executive Council item #16A approved on September 7, 2022, and Fiscal Committee item FIS 23-166 approved on May 19, 2023, and Governor and Executive Council item #160 approved on May 31, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to extend the effective date of the attached item from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The item was initially submitted and approved by both Fiscal Committee on June 8, 2021, item FIS 21-139 and the Governor and Executive Council on June 16, 2021, item #13. There are still two components of this initial request that have work ongoing:

- A contract with Mary Hitchcock Hospital, approved by the Governor and Executive Council on March 22, 2023, item #11B for increasing designating receiving facility (DRF) beds.
- A contract with the County of Strafford, approved by the Governor and Executive Council on August 23, 2023, item #15 for increasing capacity to provide long-term care for individuals with mental health/behavioral health care needs who require nursing home level of care.

This request only serves to authorize program balances that are unspent as of June 30, 2024, to carry forward into State Fiscal Year 2025. Approval of this action will align programs with the completion dates authorized in the award notices. Any request to reallocate an existing budget or repurpose funds for a new or existing project will require future Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approvals.

[1] All direct program costs for increasing DRF beds will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9501A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9501Z. All direct program costs for long-term care will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9501B and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9501Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

These funds were not included in the Department's budget submission for the current biennial budget ending June 30, 2025. The Department did not include these funds because budget guidance was issued in August 2022 that instructed the Department to exclude all COVID-related funding from the budget submission for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

If this item is not approved, the Department would need to halt the time-sensitive projects noted above. The Department would then need to submit a retroactive request to July 1, 2024, for approval to reauthorize the funding.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

for:

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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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

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	Behavorial 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	Birthing 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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August 30, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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, Office of the Commissioner, to amend Fiscal Committee item #FIS 21-139, approved on June 8, 2021, and Governor and Council item #13 approved on June 16, 2021, by repurposing $1,960,000 approved from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive 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. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department requests approval to modify the use of funds that were originally authorized, per approval of FIS 21-139, for the following purpose:

Psychiatric Long Term Care & Assisted Living Expansion

The Department requests to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to establish capacity for long term care behavioral health beds at nursing and assisted living facilities for patients currently residing at New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home for the Elderly (Glencliff). The identified patients are in stable condition and ready to be transferred, but need the continued support offered in a nursing facility or assisted living facility setting. The Department will use ARPA funds to reserve the designated beds for one year at a rate of $45,000 per bed, and pay the nursing facilities and assisted living facilities a special case per diem rate of $289.12. The Department estimates that there is a need for 24 or more nursing or assisted living facility beds for patients ready to transfer. ARPA funding is needed to immediately enter into contracts to comply with the Supreme Court ruling and expedite transitions from New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home, which have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department has contracted for 36 beds to support the *Psychiatric Long Term Care & Assisted Living Expansion* program referenced above. The Department has entered into agreements, totaling approximately $2.14 million, with ten (10) nursing facilities and five (5) assisted living facilities. Currently 32 individuals are being served through this program and a total of 42 individuals have been served to date.

The Department is requesting to repurpose approximately $1.96 million of the original request for capacity building efforts. In addition to providing relief to long-term care facilities based on the number of current residents as outlined in the prior authorization, the Department is seeking nursing facilities interested in increasing their capacity to provide long-term care beds for individuals with mental health/behavioral health care needs. Increased capacity may include, but not be limited to: staff training, redesign/renovation of certain units, establishing telehealth capacity. The result will be increased statewide capacity to enable individuals, who meet the nursing facility medical level of care, to receive the support for their mental health/behavioral health needs in a nursing facility. Individuals will have the ability to age in place, in their home community, close to family and friends. The Department plans to utilize a request for application (RFA) process to distribute funding to interested parties through grant agreements, which will be on a cost reimbursement basis.

From the initial appropriation approved in June of 2021 through FIS 21-139, a total of $4.5 million was not able to be used and was returned for reallocation for other ARPA SFRF eligible uses. The Department originally designated $4 million for a Psychiatric Care Expansion for Adults initiative with the goal of establishing 20 Designated Receiving Facility (DRF) beds. The Department reached out to hospitals statewide to see if any had capacity to establish new DRF beds in exchange for $200k per bed. However, based on responses received to date, the Department anticipates only spending $1 million towards this initiative which is why $3 million was returned. The Department planned to spend $1.5 million to increase staffing and increase scope of services offered at the facility. However, it was determined that expanding the number of beds at the PATH program was not feasible.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully submitted,

For:

Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner

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Kerrin A. Rounds
Chief Financial Officer

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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May 17, 2021

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
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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, New Hampshire Hospital to retroactively accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $13,137,051 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund improvements in New Hampshire's mental health system, as outlined in Executive Order 2021-09, effective retroactive to May 17, 2021 upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-940010-24650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	$0	$13,137,051	$13,137,051
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue			
020-500200	Current Expense	$0	$1	$1
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$0	$1	$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$0	$1,193,920	$1,193,920
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$0	$11,931	$11,931
046-500462	Consultants	$0	$1	$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	$0	$1	$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs;Bldg. Grounds	$0	$1	$1
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$0	$11,931,195	$11,931,195
	Total Expenses	**$0**	**$13,137,051**	**$13,137,051**

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting to accept and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to improve the following services within the Mental Health System of New Hampshire. These services and improvements are an eligible use of ARPA FRF funds because they will provide additional resources for safe, behavioral health treatment, a use specifically identified in the non-exclusive list of uses that address effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency in the Treasury Interim Rule and are related to COVID-19 as set forth in the attached Executive order 2021-09.

1. **Psychiatric Long Term Care & Assisted Living Expansion**
   a. The Department requests to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to establish capacity for long term care behavioral health beds at nursing and assisted living facilities for patients currently residing at New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home for the Elderly (Glencliff). The identified patients are in stable condition and ready to be transferred, but need the continued support offered in a nursing facility or assisted living facility setting. The Department will use APRA funds to reserve the designated beds for one year at a rate of $45,000 per bed, and pay the nursing facilities and assisted living facilities a special case per diem rate of $289.12. The Department estimates that there is a need for 24 or more nursing or assisted living facility beds for patients ready to transfer. ARPA funding is needed to immediately enter into contracts to comply with the Supreme Court ruling and expedite transitions from New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home, which have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activity Code	Description
00FRF602PH9501B	BHIP- LTCI

2. **Expansion of Transitional Housing Scope of Services at the PATH Center**
   a. In FY2021, the Department opened the PATH Center, a 16 bed transitional housing facility, adjacent to New Hampshire Hospital. The facility's current scope of services is primarily focused on patients at New Hampshire Hospital whom are ready for discharge, but are awaiting housing resources to be available. The Department is requesting to use ARPA funds to modify the facility, and increase staffing at the PATH Center, allowing for the scope of services of the facility to expand, which will allow for the inclusion of additional patient populations whom can be discharged from New Hampshire Hospital. If approved, staffing would be rapidly increased using contracted nursing staff, ensuring a high degree of quality and safety is maintained for residents of this program.

Activity Code	Description
00FRF602PH9501D	BHIP-PATH-Staff
00FRF602PH9501E	BHIP-PATH-Reno

3. **Psychiatric Care Expansion for Children**

   a. The Department intends to contract with out-of-state Providers for 10-15 inpatient psychiatric beds for children. Existing Medicaid Designated Receiving Bed Rates will be used to pay for qualified services rendered, and the Department is requesting ARPA funding to pay for uncompensated care that may be incurred by out-of-state Providers at a rate of $750/day. This methodology is consistent

with the contract established with Hampstead Hospital, whereby the Department pays for uncompensated care.

b.

Activity Code	Description
00FRF602PH9501C	BHIP-Childrens Svcs

4. **Psychiatric Care Expansion for Adults (Designated Receiving Facilities)**

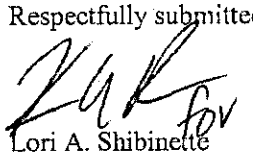
   a. The Department requests APRA funding to contract and establish a minimum of 20 Designated Receiving Facility (DRF) beds in the State of New Hampshire. Organizations whom establish new DRF beds would be paid $200,000 per bed using ARPA funding, with the stipulation that the beds remain available for involuntary emergency admissions for a period of 18 months.
   b. Acute Care Hospitals in New Hampshire that add DRF acute care beds will be reimbursed for each patient admission at the DRF peer group six level fee schedule already in effect. Providers whom admit non-Medicaid patients without insurance will utilize the Medicaid fee schedule as contractual rates. This information (Section 5-c) has been provided as additional context, but does not require additional funding through ARPA.

Activity Code	Description
00FRF602PH9501A	BHIP-DRF-New

In summary, additional funding is requested to aid the Department in making rapid, marked improvement relative to access to mental health services in the State of New Hampshire. The Source of Funds is 100% Federal Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR

Executive Order 2021-09

An order directing additional actions to address the mental health crisis in the State of New Hampshire

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a mental health crisis across the country, leading to substantial documented increases in depression or anxiety in adults, and increases in the number of adults and children going to emergency departments for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, treatment options were limited, including a limitation on the number of emergency psychiatric beds and community-based services, which further exacerbated the growing mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the negative repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic have led to an increase in the number of individuals seeking treatment and with fewer community-based options available, there has been an increase in the number of individuals in need of an emergency psychiatric bed; and

WHEREAS, early on during the COVID-19 pandemic there was no waitlist for patients in need of a bed at any state facility for those citizens necessitating mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire is committed to ensure all New Hampshire citizens have appropriate and adequate access to comprehensive community-based mental health prevention and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, given the present circumstances there is an urgent need for all partners in the mental health community to accelerate their work and demonstrate flexibility in providing these much-needed services.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately, that:

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1. The State of New Hampshire take immediate, targeted, and direct action to ensure there is a system in place to help individuals in mental health crisis have timely and appropriate medical care.

2. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to create emergency administrative rules to immediately increase access to services in order to address the mental health crisis in the State of New Hampshire, including requirements for policies and standards by which a hospital must treat patients with mental health concerns.

3. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to implement through their licensing rules, emergency administrative rules to clarify the roles New Hampshire hospitals have in caring for those patients who present at a hospital with mental health concerns, including a requirement for hospitals to be in compliance with RSA 135-C.

4. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to review all mental health services in the State of New Hampshire to determine if current providers are equipped to meet the needs of New Hampshire citizens and where necessary, identify new and/or alternative providers.

5. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to expand the number of Designated Receiving Facility ("DRF") beds on an expedited basis.

6. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to work with all providers and stakeholders to identify additional immediate actions to address this mental health crisis.

7. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to take lawful steps to ensure increased access and availability of community-based mental health services.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 13th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-five.

Christopher T. Sununu

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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