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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, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$6,000,000 to address the negative financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-94-940010-2465¹ HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9502A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9502Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

| CLASS OBJ | CLASS TITLE | Current Modified Budget | Increase/ (Decrease) Amount | Revised Modified Budget |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 000-400338-16 | Federal Funds | \$ 81,263,251 | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 87,263,251 |
| 00C-401350-68 | Agency Indirect Cost | \$ 261,653 | \$ - | \$ 261,653 |
| | General Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Revenue | | \$ 81,524,904 | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 87,524,904 |
| 010-500100 | Personal Services Perm Class | \$ 76,256 | | \$ 76,256 |
| 018-500106 | Overtime | \$ 5,000 | | \$ 5,000 |
| 020-500200 | Current Expenses | \$ 10 | | \$ 10 |
| 022-500255 | Rents-Leases other than State | \$ 2,248,303 | | \$ 2,248,303 |
| 030-500301 | Equipment New/Replacement | \$ 1 | | \$ 1 |
| 039-500180 | Telecommunications | \$ 300 | | \$ 300 |
| 040-500800 | Indirect Costs | \$ 2,118,501 | | \$ 2,118,501 |
| 041-500801 | Audit Fund Set Aside | \$ 74,305 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 80,305 |
| 042-500620 | Additional Fringe Benefits | \$ 2,881 | | \$ 2,881 |
| 046-500462 | Consultants | \$ 1 | | \$ 1 |
| 047-500240 | Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds) | \$ 1 | | \$ 1 |
| 048-500226 | Contract Repairs: Bldg Grounds | \$ 1 | | \$ 1 |
| 050-500109 | Personal Services Temp | \$ 2,009 | | \$ 2,009 |
| 059-500117 | Temp Full Time | \$ 46,683 | | \$ 46,683 |
| 060-500601 | Benefits | \$ 736 | | \$ 736 |
| 070-500704 | In-State Travel | \$ 1,000 | | \$ 1,000 |
| 072-502683 | Grants Federal | \$ 1 | | \$ 1 |
| 102-500731 | Contracts for Program Services | \$ 53,963,584 | \$ 5,994,000 | \$ 59,957,584 |
| 103-502507 | Contracts for Operational Services | \$ 22,985,331 | | \$ 22,985,331 |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 81,524,904 | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 87,524,904 |

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to provide one-time financial support to eight New Hampshire Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and one FQHC Look Alike. FQHCs are federally funded nonprofit health centers that serve medically underserved people and communities. FQHCs provide preventative, primary care services regardless of ability to pay, offering a Sliding Fee Discount Scale to eligible patients. FQHC Look-Alike health centers are also community-based health care providers that meet the requirements of a FQHC and serve similar populations, but do not receive additional Federal FQHC funding. The COVID-19 pandemic caused these FQHCs to experience significant financial challenges due to increased service demands, rising operational costs and staffing shortages, and changes in insurance reimbursement.

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FQHCs serve as a critical safety net for healthcare access in New Hampshire. They act as the medical home and provide wraparound services for low-income, uninsured, and under-insured individuals, children, and families. They employ highly trained medical providers and care coordination staff with the experience and access to resources to address complex needs.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

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

Class 102 – The funds will be used to enter into agreements with FQHCs.

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,



for:

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