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August 15, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Communications (DESC), to amend the accept and expend of \$736,116 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), originally approved by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council on February 16, 2024 (FIS 24-045) and February 21, 2024 (item #135), respectively, by extending the end date from September 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. This request was to award a grant to the New Hampshire Public Broadcasting Service (NHPBS) for the costs associated with transitioning to enhanced emergency communication systems for public safety. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. This is a no-cost extension request. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request was to award a grant to NHPBS. NHPBS applied for NH ARPA SFRF funds to have New Hampshire be at the forefront of states to transition for the NEXTGEN TV (ATSC 3.0), a free, over-the-air (OTA) service which combines broadcast tv with broadcast internet. Through this one-time expense, NHPBS could accomplish the unique opportunity to transition early and provide Granite State residents, businesses, government entities and others with a new transformational technology to provide public safety, hospitals, and other life-saving communications systems.

This request will authorize the extension and continuation of work currently being accomplished to award a grant agreement to the NHPBS. In accordance with the Uniform Guidance, or 2 CFR 200, there is an authoritative set of rules and requirements for federal awards, which includes, among other things, requirements for subrecipient monitoring. The first step in the process of subrecipient monitoring is to carry out a risk assessment of NHPBS. As of the date of this request, DESC has completed a risk assessment by reviewing the following NHPBS policies: procurement policy, record retention policy, financial management policy and details of the financial management system, all internal policies, procedures, or SOPs, which could be used to establish internal control standards, organization chart, most recent single audit (for non-profits and government entities) audit letter, proof of a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and SAM.gov registration, certificate of authority, and certificate of insurance. This assessment provided a monitoring level and cadence in the low-risk category (every 180 days). Based on satisfactory results, the proceeding step will be to submit the grant agreement to the Governor and Executive Council for approval, with the intent to submit the requested item late fall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



**Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety**

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January 24, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Communications, to accept and expend \$736,116 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), to award a grant to the New Hampshire Public Broadcasting Service (NHPBS) for the costs associated with transitioning to enhanced emergency communication systems for public safety. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602(c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2024. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY 2024 in the following account:

02-23-23-236510-28XX0000¹ – Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Communications, NHPBS ATSC 3 Technology – ARP

Class	Description	Requested Action SFY 2024
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ (736,116)
041-500801	Audit Fund: Set Aside	736
072-500573	Grants to Institutions: Federal	735,380
TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$ 736,116

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2314A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2314Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Accounting Services.

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country have started the 3.0 conversion to implement ATSC 3.0 to serve community needs. The ATSC 3.0 will add strength and depth to public safety communications across the State through:

- Datacasting of real-time emergency response to first responders regardless of radio and cell access.
- Providing local alerts and warnings in real-time and targeted to specific zip codes.
- Continued hosting of local/state emergency networks with an opt-in feature to participate in the NHPBS ATSC 3.0 datacasting stream.
- Weather and disaster emergency notifications with localized event mapping, evacuation routes and emergency instructions to individuals, businesses, and others in the targeted area.

Through this one-time expense, NHPBS can accomplish this unique opportunity to transition early and provide Granite State residents, businesses, government entities and others with a new transformational technology to provide public safety, hospitals, and other life-saving communications systems.

These are allowable uses of ARPA FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. In accepting ARP FRF funds, the Department agrees to work collaboratively with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to ensure accurate and timely reporting to U.S. Department of Treasury on the use of the funds.

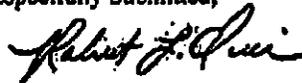
Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside: Represents the audit fund set-aside associated amount for this request (0.1%).

Class 072 – Grants to Institution: appropriation for the distribution of funds to grant to sub-recipient.

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