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August 20, 2024

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, Additional Revenue, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to amend three (3) accept and expend requests for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), approved by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council as detailed in the attached table, by extending each of the end dates for funding from September 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. All three are no-cost extension requests. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to extend the effective date of the attached items from the current completion dates, as identified in Attachment A, to June 30, 2025. All items included in Attachment A have been previously submitted and approved by both Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council.

These funds were not included in the Department's budget submission for the current biennial budget ending June 30, 2025, 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 time-sensitive projects supported by these funds. Please see attachment A for details.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment A

Agency	Program Name	Fiscal Committee Approval	Governor & Council Approval	AU#
Department of Health and Human Services	New Hampshire Hospital Security Upgrades	3/15/24 - FIS 24-092	3/13/24 - #18	2465
Department of Health and Human Services	Riverbend Community Health Renovations	3/15/24 - FIS 24-093	3/13/24 - #6	2465
Department of Health and Human Services	Easter Seals NH Farnum Center	3/15/24 - FIS 24-094	3/13/24 - #7	2465



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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Division for Behavioral Health, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$765,917 to support Riverbend Community Mental Health renovations of property to establish a 12-bed community residence, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through September 30, 2024, 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)(A), to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts. 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 00FRF602PH9545A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9545Z. 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	\$ 100,323,565	\$ 765,917	\$ 101,089,482
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost	\$ 261,653		\$ 261,653
	General Fund	\$ -		\$ -
Total Revenue		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 765,917	\$ 101,351,135
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 76,256		\$ 76,256
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 160,010		\$ 160,010
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	\$ 3,080,058		\$ 3,080,058
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 68,001		\$ 68,001
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 300		\$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,119,103		\$ 2,119,103
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 101,009	\$ 765	\$ 101,774
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,870		\$ 4,870
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	\$ 77,458		\$ 77,458
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 24,906		\$ 24,906
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	\$ 3,726,929		\$ 3,726,929
085-588514	Interagency Transfers Out of Federal	\$ 52,750		\$ 52,750
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 65,536,998	\$ 765,152	\$ 66,302,150
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 25,548,559		\$ 25,548,559
Total Expenses		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 765,917	\$ 101,351,135

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting funding to be provided to Riverbend Community Mental Health (Riverbend) for the purpose of supporting renovations at 278 Pleasant Street to open a 12-bed licensed community residence. Through a contract with the Department, Riverbend will make these beds available for individuals in need of psychiatric stability and who also have ambulatory issues. Currently, the limited capacity for single-floor living within the system of care results in the most vulnerable and impaired clients waiting longer for appropriate housing opportunities to become available.

The 12-bed facility will allow for a higher staff-to-client ratio to offer more support to the residents. The space would include a family meeting room, clinical meeting space, a large space for group activities, a library, and a large dining room. These spaces are being designed to encourage family

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and social connectedness as well as a calming, peaceful atmosphere for treatment. This request would also support the acquisition of a van for transportation to promote access to the broader community.

Approval of this request would also support the Department's "Mission Zero" goal of eliminating hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding. Lack of available supportive housing in the community continues to be a primary contributing factor impeding timely discharges from New Hampshire Hospital. Lack of available psychiatric inpatient beds leads to longer stays in emergency departments across the state of New Hampshire.

If this request is not approved, then the Department will be unable to support the opening of 12 additional residential beds. This in turn will impede the Department's Mission Zero goal and negatively impact New Hampshire residents experiencing mental illness.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

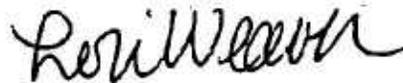
Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires .1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 102 – The funds will be used to pay for a contract with Riverbend.

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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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), New Hampshire Hospital, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$2,661,000 to undertake comprehensive security upgrades at New Hampshire Hospital, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through September 30, 2024, 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)(A), to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

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CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 100,323,565	\$ 2,661,000	\$ 102,984,565
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost	\$ 261,653		\$ 261,653
	General Fund	\$ -		\$ -
Total Revenue		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 2,661,000	\$ 103,246,218
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 76,256		\$ 76,256
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 160,010		\$ 160,010
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	\$ 3,080,058		\$ 3,080,058
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 68,001		\$ 68,001
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 300		\$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,119,103		\$ 2,119,103
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 101,009	\$ 2,658	\$ 103,667
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,870		\$ 4,870
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	\$ 77,458		\$ 77,458
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 24,906		\$ 24,906
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	\$ 3,726,929		\$ 3,726,929
085-588514	Interagency Transfers Out of Federal	\$ 52,750		\$ 52,750
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 65,536,998		\$ 65,536,998
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 25,548,559	\$ 2,658,342	\$ 28,206,901
Total Expenses		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 2,661,000	\$ 103,246,218

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requests funding to improve security at New Hampshire Hospital (NHH) in response to the Department of Safety recommendations from an assessment of existing security protocols and systems conducted at the direction of Governor Sununu. The Department of Safety issued its findings in a report on November 28, 2023, with security recommendations for NHH. Consequently, DHHS requests funds to implement the security enhancement recommendations included in the report to ensure the safety of patients, staff, and the public.

DHHS worked with the Division of Public works and a contracted architect firm, to redesign the NHH vestibule and front lobby to enhance visitor screening and security. The existing space will be renovated and serve as a single-entry point for all staff and visitors, at both NHH and the new attached forensic psychiatric unit currently being constructed. This will allow for centralized

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screening in one location and includes the purchasing of contraband and weapons detection equipment. These changes will increase security and provide greater control over the space and areas of refuge should an incident occur.

Without this funding, NHH will not have funding available to address safety recommendations identified by the Department of Safety's recent report. The Department respectfully requests approval of this proposal to ensure the safety of its patients, employees, and the public.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

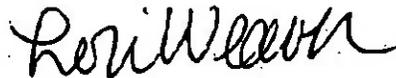
Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires 0.1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 103 – The funds will be used for contracted services.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

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Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Behavioral Health, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$2,259,878 to support Easterseals New Hampshire Farnum Center to ensure critical substance use disorder services are available to those in need, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through September 30, 2024, 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)(A), to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

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Total Revenue		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 2,259,878	\$ 102,845,096
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018-500106	Overtime	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
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040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,119,103		\$ 2,119,103
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 101,009	\$ 2,258	\$ 103,267
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,870		\$ 4,870
046-500462	Consultants	\$ 1		\$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds	\$ 1		\$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	\$ 1		\$ 1
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060-500601	Benefits	\$ 24,906		\$ 24,906
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072-502683	Grants Federal	\$ 3,726,929		\$ 3,726,929
085-588514	Interagency Transfers Out of Federal	\$ 52,750		\$ 52,750
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 65,536,998	\$ 2,257,620	\$ 67,794,618
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 25,548,559		\$ 25,548,559
Total Expenses		\$ 100,585,218	\$ 2,259,878	\$ 102,845,096

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting funding to support Farnum Center, located in Manchester NH, which provides critical substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to New Hampshire residents. Farnum Center's financial viability has been threatened in recent years due the pandemic and providing services to a high number of low income and Medicaid clients. In recent years, Farnum Center has benefitted from ARPA funds and financial support from Easterseals New Hampshire. However, due to changes in its payer mix, existing programmatic and financial models need to change to ensure the long-term sustainability of SUD programming.

If approved, the Department will use these funds to enter into a contract with Farnum Center to ensure that NH residents have access to high-quality SUD treatment services while evolving to a new model. This will be achieved by requiring and supporting the organization through an analysis

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of their existing programming and financial model to ensure long-term sustainability. Farnum Center will:

- Recruit leadership to guide the organization through its transformation;
- Identify innovative best practices to ensure access to SUD treatment for those with the greatest barriers;
- Evaluate existing marketing and outreach processes to target those most at-risk;
- Conduct research to lay the framework to implement a high-quality co-occurring detox, residential and outpatient treatment program, which would be available to all NH residents who are underinsured or uninsured and are in need of SUD treatment;
- Evaluate the existing financial model and identify best practices and opportunities to improve revenue to ensure long-term financial solvency. This includes an in-depth review of third-party claiming processes, examining payer mixes, and claims process.

Without this funding, the long-term viability of the organization could be compromised. The goal of this bridge funding is to support the innovative remodeling of Farnum Center's programming to ensure SUD services are available to New Hampshire residents.

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 pay for a contract with Farnum Center.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

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