88

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ ★ ★

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

August 23, 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
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend $600,000 for infrastructure investments to support Bridges: Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services Inc. in the purchase of Emily's Place, a domestic violence shelter, in Manchester, effective upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602(c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. **% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

01-02-002-020210-24690000[1] ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		**FY2025**	**FY2025**	**FY2025**
CLASS	**ACCOUNT**	**CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET**	**BUDGET REQUEST**	**REVISED BUDGET**
EXPENDITURES				
040 – Indirect Costs	501587	$132,605	$2,500	$135,105
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	$154,570	$599	$155,169
072 – Grants Federal	500575	$57,447,552	$596,901	$58,044,453
085 - Interagcy Xfr Out of Fed Fn	588510	$13,103,019	$0	$13,103,019
103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	$6,780,416	$0	$6,780,416
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$77,618,162**	**$600,000**	**$78,218,162**
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 – Federal Funds	400338	$77,618,162	$600,000	$78,218,162
TOTAL REVENUE		**$77,618,162**	**$600,000**	**$78,218,162**

1 Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire 03301
Website: http://www.goferr.nh.gov/ • Email: info@goferrnh.gov
TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

EXPLANATION

Emily's Place is a domestic violence shelter for women and their children and has been operating in Manchester since 1988. Emily's Place has continued to serve this at-risk population, providing both confidential advocacy services (under NH RSA 173-C) and an array of other trauma-informed services, including support with court processes and financial literacy training. The shelter currently serves 60-70 individuals annually. Emily's Place has been operated by the crisis services program at the YWCA NH, known as REACH Crisis Services (REACH), and has been sustained by state and federal domestic and sexual violence funding administered by the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

As of July 1, 2024, REACH is no longer part of the YWCA NH. Bridges: Domestic and Sexual Violence Support (Bridges) of Nashua is currently providing leadership, oversight and support for REACH as a fiscal agent. Concurrently, REACH has begun the process of becoming an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a member program of the Coalition serving the Manchester area.

This award will allow Bridges: Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services Inc., acting as fiscal agent on behalf of REACH, to purchase the building for the shelter from YWCA NH, with the intention to transfer the building to REACH once REACH has become an independent 501(c)(3).

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 - Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

Class 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1 %) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072 - Grants out of Federal Funds to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees as described in the explanation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell
Executive Director, GOFERR