



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



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EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend \$910,000 for Next Step Living Center to develop the State's first independent living facility for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities 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)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Table with 5 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, FY2025 CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET, FY2025 BUDGET REQUEST, FY2025 REVISED BUDGET. Rows include EXPENDITURES, 040 - Indirect Costs, 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside, 072 - Grants Federal, 085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fn, 103 - Contracts for Op Services, TOTAL EXPENSES, and SOURCE OF FUNDS.

1All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0206A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0206Z. 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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000 - Federal Funds	400338-16	\$77,618,162	\$910,000	\$78,528,162
TOTAL REVENUE		\$77,618,162	\$910,000	\$78,528,162

EXPLANATION

Approximately 1 in every 8 residents of New Hampshire, about 166,000 people, experience some type of disability. Public advocacy groups work hard on behalf of this population, and, while well-intentioned, most organizations focus on employment, health insurance and education; none concentrate on housing. Next Step Living, Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is developing the State's first independent living facility for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This initiative will transform a current office building into 3 floors of shared residential space that will house 9-12 residents. Each of them will rent a room and share a bathroom, a shower room, a kitchen, and a living space. The building is located in the heart of downtown Concord near a grocery store, restaurants, shopping, and a block from the YMCA.

This one-time investment in Next Step Living will provide funding for the acquisition of the 3 North State Street in Concord and transform the current office space into a residential building.

Funds for this award are made available through ARPA SFRF funding that has been reallocated from programs that did not expend their entire award amount.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 040 -- Indirect Costs to recover, per RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate central service 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 Federal to provide funding for an award as described above.

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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