



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

September 9, 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
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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 \$603,650 to purchase vital upgrades for Meals on Wheels Hillsborough County 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. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Table with 5 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET, BUDGET REQUEST, REVISED BUDGET. Rows include EXPENDITURES (040-103) and SOURCE OF FUNDS (000).

1 All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0240A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0240Z. 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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### EXPLANATION

Hillsborough County Meals on Wheels (HCMOW) moved all operations to Manchester, on the premises of the former Blake's Restaurant and Creamery, which has allowed them to open an exciting new warehouse operation that provides approximately 8,000 meals per week to more than 2,000 individuals throughout 31 of NH's towns and cities. Their goal is to fully sustain this operation by lowering costs through this central distribution site and to renovate the now-vacant Blake's restaurant to reinvigorate Manchester's community dining program, which suffered devastating harm imposed by the pandemic. Most significantly, such renovations will allow HCMOW to prepare its own meals and increase capacity to serve more vulnerable, isolated older adults.

This one-time investment of \$603,650 would immediately cover the cost of priority items including upgrading and expanding the freezer system, measures to improve the warehouse operation, and installing a generator to ensure continuity of service. The freezer renovations are the timeliest need: upgrading the current system is essential for sustaining their ability to store and serve healthy meals at a safe temperature, and installing necessary equipment into an existing shell of a freezer space will allow us to expand offerings to the growing number of participants.

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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