



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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 \$1,961,773 to support the creation of the Lisbon Early Learning Center 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 ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, EXPENDITURES (040-041, 072, 085, 103), TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS (000 - Federal Funds), and TOTAL REVENUE.

1All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0239A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0239Z. 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

This request would support the creation of the Lisbon Early Learning Center in Lisbon, NH as part of the Boys and Girls Club of Central and Northern NH. This project would retrofit and furnish space for the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country, which owns a 20,000 square foot former gym and warehouse on Route 302, to create a daycare.

When completed, the new center will have a separate entrance and foyer leading to an infant room, two toddler rooms, two preschool rooms, children's bathrooms and a small kitchen. An age-appropriate outdoor play area will complete the design. The new center will be licensed for 39 children ages six weeks through preschool. This project will help to meet the urgent need for childcare in the North Country. Child Care Aware's Child Care Desert Map shows that Lisbon and neighboring Littleton share a supply gap of over 300 slots.

Approval of this item will result in an award between GOFERR and Boys and Girls Club of Central and Northern NH that makes a one-time investment toward the cost of the remodel of this facility.

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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