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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

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September 11, 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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic Stability, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$5,262,840 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to be used for Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in a new accounting unit below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-045-450010-XXXX0000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES-DEHS, BUREAU OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, S-EBT

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-403950-16	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 5,262,840	\$ 5,262,840
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 5,262,840	\$ 5,262,840
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ -	\$ 5,263	\$ 5,263
501-500425	Payments To Clients	\$ -	\$ 5,257,577	\$ 5,257,577
	Total Expense	\$ -	\$ 5,262,840	\$ 5,262,840

EXPLANATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service awarded New Hampshire funds for the benefit disbursement for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT) Program for Children. S-EBT provides benefits for eligible families with school-aged children to assist with the purchase of nutritious foods for the period when schools are not in session. This is a new program as authorized by SB 499, which required the Department to apply to FNS for the provision of S-EBT for the summer of 2024 and 2025. SB 499 was signed into law on August 2, 2024. The Department received approval from FNS on August 16, 2024, to implement the plan for summer 2024. The Department indicated to the Legislature, FNS, and stakeholders that due to the timing of the budget process that benefits would not be made available during

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the summer months. The FNS approved the state's plan that disbursement of this benefit is intended to begin in November 2024 and continue through January 2025.

It is expected that this Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer program will serve approximately 44,000 children in New Hampshire. Each household will receive \$120 per eligible child for the time school was not in session this summer. Benefits will be made available on an Electronic Benefit Transfer card.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

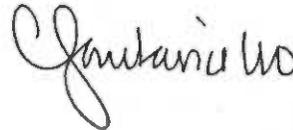
Class 041 – RSA 124:16 requires .1% to be budgeted to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 501 (Contracts for Program Services) – Funds are being used for benefit disbursement for S-EBT.

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

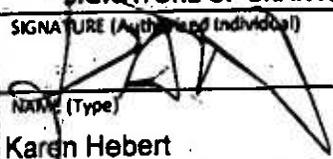
In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE		1. GRANT/AGREEMENT NO. USDA-FNS- FY 24 Summer EBT Benefit Grants-NERO-NH		2. FEDERAL AWARD DATE August 16, 2024	
GRANT/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT		3. IS THIS AN R&D AWARD? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		5. UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) LA2HR1U97VC6	
		4. CFDA NUMBER 10.646		6. FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FAIN)	
7. FEDERAL AWARDDING AGENCY USDA Food and Nutrition Service		8. CFDA NAME Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children			
9. RECIPIENT NAME State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Division of Economic Stability 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301		10. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA FN.CN.3010.01.5130 (ASAP 202424N103744 or FN.CN.3014.01.5130 (ASAP 202424N117544))			
		11. AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED BY THIS ACTION \$5,262,840		12. TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED \$5,262,840	
		13. TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FEDERAL AWARD \$5,262,840			
14. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE New Hampshire		15. BUDGET APPROVED BY AWARDDING AGENCY \$5,262,840			
		16. TOTAL APPROVED COST SHARING/MATCHING (WHERE APPLICABLE) N/A		17. INDIRECT COST RATE FOR THE FEDERAL AWARD (PLEASE INCLUDE IF THE DE MINIMIS RATE IS CHARGED) N/A	
18. MAIL REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO		19. SPONSOR (SPONSORING FNS PROGRAM)			
		20. START DATE 10/01/2023		21. END DATE 09/30/2024	
22. FEDERAL AWARD PROJECT DESCRIPTION FY 2024 Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) Program Benefit Funding Grant					
The Grantee/Cooperator hereby assures and certifies that they will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements as they relate to the applications, acceptance, and use of Federal funds for this Federally-assisted project including: 2 CFR Chapter I (Office of Management and Budget Government-wide Guidance for Grants and Agreements) and Chapter II (Office of Management and Budget Guidance) as well as 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards); and any USDA implementing regulations, such as 2 CFR Part 400 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), 2 CFR Part 415 (General Program Administrative Regulations), 2 CFR Part 416 (General Program Administrative Regulations for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), and 2 CFR Part 418 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).					
23. REMARKS					
SIGNATURE OF GRANTEE/COOPERATOR			UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
SIGNATURE (Authorized Individual)		DATE	SIGNATURE (Grant Official)		DATE
		8-21-24	LIZBETH SILBERMANN		
NAME (Type) Karen Hebert		NAME (TYPE) LIZBETH SILBERMANN		Digitally signed by LIZBETH SILBERMANN Date: 2024.08.29 08:58:58 -0400	
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