



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 \$750,000 to support Lakes Region Community Developers in making investments into creating workforce childcare for the Lakes Region 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 (040-041-072-085-103), TOTAL EXPENSES, SOURCE OF FUNDS (000 - Federal Funds), and TOTAL REVENUE.

1 All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0238A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0238Z. 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 will assist Lakes Region Community Developers in transforming the historic Gale School building in Belmont, NH into a vibrant community facility hosting a childcare center, to be operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Central NH, and a program center operated by Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS). In doing so, the project will facilitate the addition of 35 desperately needed childcare slots to the region, and the expansion of vital community services.

The project will support economic growth in the Lakes Region by providing critical community infrastructure to help attract and retain businesses and residents. The first floor of the renovated Gale School will be operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Central NH, and will provide much-needed childcare resources. According to Child Care Aware of New Hampshire, prior to the pandemic, the Laconia-Belmont area needed more than 350 additional childcare slots to meet demand, and this additional childcare center will help alleviate the demand. The second floor of the building will be leased to LRCS, allowing the organization to expand the reach of their programming. LRCS runs programs which gives individuals with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders, and their families, tools to succeed, including employment services, parent education, and elder services. This programming empowers and supports families, helping them successfully work at local businesses and volunteer in the communities.

If approved this request will result in an award to make a one-time investment that would assist with the completion of these renovations.

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 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,



Taylor Caswell  
Executive Director, GOFERR