



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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September 11, 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 \$500,000 to assist with an expansion of the Manchester Animal Shelter 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 (040-103) and SOURCE OF FUNDS (000).

1All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0207A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0207Z. 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 be put towards an expansion of the Manchester Animal Shelter. The Shelter operates on city property, in a city-owned building, and is contractually obligated to take in, treat, and house all strays, abused, neglected, and abandoned animals from the city's Animal Control Officers, as well as any animals involved in Manchester-based litigation. Increased housing, food, and medical costs, caused in part by ripple effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, have increased the number of strays, abandoned, neglected, and abused animals in the city. The Shelter currently has limited capacity to house and care for the animals and is frequently at or over capacity.

If approved, this request would make a one-time investment to expand the facility, including construction and material costs to expand capacity for their dog and cat populations. The Shelter already has architectural renderings for the expansion that can be done in three distinct phases and a general contractor who has reviewed the plans, priced out the construction costs, and is ready to begin the project. While this award to the Shelter would not cover the entire construction cost, this investment will allow the Shelter to begin, and complete, the first phase of the construction, while raising funds for the remainder.

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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