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September 27, 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  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA), Office of Workforce Opportunity to accept and expend \$500,000 to support the Family Medical Residency Program at the NH Healthcare Workforce Coalition 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 in FY2025 in the following account:

**03-022-022-220510-xxxx0000, Business and Economic Dev, ARP Family Med Resp Program**

Class	Description	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	FY25 Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

<sup>(1)</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2207A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH2207Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

### EXPLANATION

Coos County Family Health Services received a federal Teaching Health Center grant to create the framework for a family medicine residency program in New Hampshire's rural North Country. This program increases the number of family physicians trained in the state, and at the same time increases access to primary care in the region of the state with some of the highest rates of chronic disease, substance misuse, and behavioral health disorders. Residency program graduates typically enter practice in or near the geographic area where they are trained.

Approval of this item would result in an award between BEA and Coos County Family health services to support this program. This program will expose future physicians to the beauty, unique needs, and practice opportunities in the North Country, an area that struggles to recruit primary care providers. Currently, there are no family medicine residency programs located north of Concord.

Funds for this item 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 102- Contract for Program Services 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  
Commissioner