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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families, to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary 21-1090 MISC SOC SVC SPECS-6, Position 8T3149, SOC21 Pay Band 6, effective October 27, 2024, upon Governor and Council approval through October 26, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account Promoting Safe-Stable Families as follows:

	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>
05-95-42-421010-29730000-050-500109 Part-Time Salaries	\$55,364	\$20,397
05-95-42-421010-29730000-060-500601 Benefits	<u>\$27,146</u>	<u>\$10,001</u>
Total	\$82,510	\$30,398

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** due to an administrative oversight. The prior Governor and Council authorization for this position ends October 26, 2024.

This position was established to oversee an extended foster care program in the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), which greatly expanded the agency's ability to serve young adults aged 18-21 in out of home placement settings. This full-time program specialist position is needed to successfully implement the Youth Village LifeSet program and critical housing services to meet the needs of the youth DCYF serves. This position is currently filled and has proven to be instrumental in the growth of the adolescent program. The Youth Villages' LifeSet program is a clinical program to serve youth in extended foster care and provide them the necessary supports to be independent and successful. The position also partners with the NH Housing Authority and other local housing entities to expand housing options for youth involved with DCYF who are at risk of homelessness.

Respectfully Submitted,

for:
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