



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

June 3, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend \$152,113 for infrastructure investments to support the improvement of the nursing program at White Mountain Community College, effective upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through December 31, 2026. 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, 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside, 072 - Grants Federal, 085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fn, 103 - Contracts for Op Services, and TOTAL EXPENSES.

All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0206A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS0206Z. 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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<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>				
000 -- Federal Funds	400338-16	\$86,546,374	\$152,113	\$86,698,487
TOTAL REVENUE		\$86,546,374	\$152,113	\$86,698,487

EXPLANATION

This request will provide additional funding for an ongoing capital improvement initiative at the White Mountain Community college campus in Berlin. In May 2024, \$3,800,000 was approved for the renovation of the science and nursing lab space on the campus (FIS 24-193 approved by the Fiscal Committee on May 17, 2024, and item #65 approved by the Governor and Council). The lab was built in the 1970s and is in dire need of update and modernization.

This additional funding is from funds returned to the State which, if not used, must be sent back to U.S. Treasury. In addition to the SFRF funds, the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) flowed through the State which then administered these funds to all New Hampshire towns and cities, to be used on various municipal projects. Three towns, all in Coos County, declined their LFRF awards. The sum total of those three declined LFRF awards was \$152,113 which then became available as ARPA SFRF funds to be used on an existing State ARPA-funded projects.

GOFERR is requesting to reinvest these funds in Coos County which, together with the funds previously approved, will be used to make infrastructure improvements to the science and nursing lab building and an investment in new, modern equipment. Due to cost overruns, WMCC had previously had to downscale the planned project to fit its budget. This additional funding will assist WMCC in making up for this downsizing and allowing for the purchase of additional equipment for training its nursing students. Together, the funding will allow WMCC to increase the capacity of the nursing program and allow graduates to be better prepared for their future careers.

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Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 072- Grants out of Federal Funds to provide funding for infrastructure improvements to the science and nursing lab building and an investment in new, modern equipment at White Mountain Community College.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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