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August 18, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Office of the Commissioner, to accept to expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of $1,942,791 to support the construction of the future Youth Development Center, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through December 31, 2026, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602(c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-94-940010-2465 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$ 40,614,228	$ 1,942,791	$ 42,557,019
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost Recovery	$ 261,653	$ -	$ 261,653
	General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Total Revenue	**$ 40,875,881**	**$ 1,942,791**	**$ 42,818,672**
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	$ 76,256		$ 76,256
018-500106	Overtime	$ 5,000	$ -	$ 5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	$ 10	$ -	$ 10
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	$ 1,097,644	$ -	$ 1,097,644
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$ 1	$ -	$ 1
039-500180	Telecommunications	$ 300	$ -	$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$ 1	$ -	$ 1
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 3,377	$ -	$ 3,377
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$ 91	$ -	$ 91
046-500462	Consultants	$ 1		$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnd	$ 1		$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	$ 1		$ 1
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	$ 2,009		$ 2,009
059-500117	Temp Full Time	$ 27,463		$ 27,463
060-500601	Benefits	$ 736		$ 736
070-500704	In-State Travel	$ 1,000		$ 1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	$ 1		$ 1
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$ 32,066,594	$ 1,942,791	$ 34,009,385
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	$ 7,595,395	$ -	$ 7,595,395
	Total Expenses	**$ 40,875,881**	**$ 1,942,791**	**$ 42,818,672**

EXPLANATION

Purpose: The Department requests to accept and expend $1,942,791of ARPA SFRF funds to supplement the construction of the future Youth Development Center (YDC).

Funding History: The YDC build has been supported to date through the following actions detailed in Table # 1.

Table # 1 Youth Detention Center Construction Funding History		
Action	**Amount**	**Funding Source**
Chapter 2, Laws of 2023 (HB 49)	$21,600,000	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - Late Item FIS 23-340, 11/9/23 G&C - Item #6 11/29/23	$6,523,363	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - FIS 24-371, 10/18/24 G&C - Item #51 10/30/24	$2,738,973	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - FIS 24-353, 10/18/24 G&C - Item #6 10/30/24	$5,000,000	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Total	$35,862,336	
Request	$1,942,791	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Updated Total	$37,805,127	
NOTE: ARPA SFRF funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.		

Justification: When the funds for the YDC rebuild were first appropriated during the 2023 Legislative Sessions, preliminary cost estimates were based on the best available information at that time. Following the passage of the authorizing legislation (House Bill 49), the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction (DPW), in collaboration with the Department, contracted with an external architect for the design of the facility. Following passage of HB49, DPW and the Department actively planned, reviewed similar sites across the country, and assessed the key functions of the facility and needed space for those functions.[1] From that work, DPW and the Department concluded that additional appropriations were needed to adequately support the construction of a safe, trauma-informed facility for the projected youth population. Additional funds were requested and approved in November 2023.

At bidding, the team decided to break the project into several elements, referred to as "add alternates." The goal was to get a base bid that was under the appropriated amount of money. Then, we could add some of the "add alternates" back into the project until we came to the total amount of appropriated money. The difference between the appropriated money and the bid was sufficient to add several but not all of the add alternates. The added alternates were approved in October 2024.

[1] E.g., bed rooms, living area, classrooms, group meeting rooms, crisis rooms, medical room, recreation, orientation, kitchen, dining area, office space, admissions, control room, outdoor space, storage.

In collaboration with the design firm, construction firm, Division of Public Works, and DHHS leadership, the Department conducted a thorough review of the remaining add alternates and associated change orders. This included an evaluation of scope, cost, and operational necessity, along with input from external stakeholders who serve children and families. Through this process, the Department has determined that the following components are essential for occupancy and service delivery:

- Orientation Unit
- Education Unit
- Dental Suite

This will ensure the project can meet the June 2026 substantial completion deadline. Additionally, if the funds are not authorized, additional costs would be incurred due to re-work of the facility design and may need to go out to bid.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services – Funds will be used to supplement the construction of the YDC.

These additional requested funds are from repurposed ARPA funds, previously allocated to other projects. The total additional need for the facility is slightly higher than the amount of ARPA funds currently available to repurpose. If additional ARPA funds become available, the Department may be requesting additional funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FIS 23 340
Late Item

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 8, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Office of the Commissioner, to amend Fiscal Committee item FIS 22-361, approved on October 14, 2022, and Governor and Council item #7 approved on October 19, 2022, as amended by Fiscal Committee item FIS 23-166, approved on May 19, 2023, and Governor and Council item #160 approved on May 31, 2023, by repurposing $6,523,363 of the $8,883,875 accepted from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), and by extending the end date for funding from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approvals. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

Purpose: The Department requests to repurpose ARPA SFRF funds, which were originally approved for responding to the anticipated COVID-19 winter 2022-23 surge, which did not occur, to supplement the construction of the future Youth Detention Center (YDC) as there are currently insufficient funds available to construct a safe and trauma-informed 18-bed facility. The funds were originally appropriated in Class 103 (Contracts for Operational Services) and class 041 (Audit Fund Set Aside) and will continue to be appropriated in those class lines.

Background: Chapter 2, Laws of 2023 (House Bill 49), appropriated $21,600,000 to the Department and requires the Department to construct a secure treatment facility with a maximum of 18 beds to replace the existing 144 bed Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) facility. The new facility will be smaller, trauma-informed and all funds appropriated via House Bill 49 must be expended by December 31, 2026.

Design Costs: Cost estimates during the Legislative Session were based on the best available information at that time. Following the passage of House Bill 49, the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction (DPW), in collaboration with the Department, contracted with an external architect for the design of the facility. Over the past several months, DPW and the Department have been actively planning, reviewing similar sites across the country, and assessing the key functions of

the facility and needed space for those functions.[1] From this work, the Department concluded that the appropriation will not support the construction of a safe, trauma-informed facility for the projected youth population. Youth served by YDC have disabilities and mental health issues and need intensive clinically-oriented, trauma-informed services. The current funding available is not adequate to construct a facility with sufficient space to safely provide all of the required programming stipulated in House Bill 49.

YDC Population Changes Impact on Design: The YDC population has changed significantly over the past year, increasing the logistical impossibility and safety risks of having too small a facility. During the 2023 Legislative Session when House Bill 49 was being legislated, the population at SYSC was rarely more than 10 youth. At that time, very few of the youth at the facility were charged as adults, gang-affiliated, required by order to be separated from other youth by sight and sound, and/or committed[2]. However, the population composition and count has since changed dramatically. For example, among the youth recently at SYSC, many have required unique services and treatment:

- 1/3rd are waived to adult status and will be at the facility until age their 18th birthdays.
- 1/3rd have been committed to serve their sentences at the facility.
- 1/4th have gang affiliations, all of whom must be separated by sight and sound.

While the future facility must be home-like, too small a facility will be highly problematic.

Design Work to Cut Costs: The Department and DPW have engaged in aggressive space-cutting measures to reduce costs while still ensuring safety and sufficient space for a therapeutic environment. After the architect's pre-design phase, the estimate was more than 15,000 gross square feet (gsf) over original projections. Five rounds of team-based, careful-yet-intensive cuts ensued. Together, we reduced this overage by half. At a minimum, construction will need to include 32,000 gsf for the new building and 6,600 gsf for renovation at Hampstead Hospital, to accommodate cost-saving shared services (e.g., laundry, food) between the two (2) facilities as well as key functions hosted at the Hospital (e.g., YDC staff support rooms, storage).

Additional Funds Needed for YDC Construction: The Department will continue juvenile justice system transformation efforts to keep New Hampshire as the top state in the nation for ongoing reductions in its rate of youth incarceration. However, if we are limited to any less than 32,000 gsf, we will not have room to program properly, keep youth appropriately cared for and safe, or be prepared in the future if and when the population may spike. In particular, youth who are committed or serving their remaining minor years at the facility need space for vocational programming and living quarters or their well-being and behaviors will suffer.

On the following page, Table 1 provides a funding and spending history of the original FIS 22-361. Table 2 details how the additional funds requested would be repurposed and budgeted through this action.

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[1] E.g., bed rooms, living area, classrooms, group meeting rooms, crisis rooms, medical room, recreation, orientation, kitchen, dining area, office space, admissions, control room, outdoor space, storage.

[2] SYSC has never had more than two (2) committed youth in the past four (4) years.

TABLE 1
HISTORY
FIS 22-361 (10/14/22) - G&C #7 (10/19/22)
Amended FIS 23-166 (5/19/23) - G&C #160 (5/31/23)

	FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDS EXPENDED	FUNDS REMAINING
Vaccination Services (WT123270 *9533A)			
Healthcare Organization Vaccine Rebate Program	$ 2,500,000	$ -	$ 2,500,000
Municipal Staffing Contract (Staffing for RPHN/State-sponsored vaccine clinics)	$ 500,000	$ -	$ 500,000
Subtotal	$ 3,000,000	$ -	$ 3,000,000
Healthcare Infrastructure Support (WT123270 *9534A)			
Support to Hospitals & County Nursing Homes*	$ 2,500,000	$ (1,788,015)	$ 711,985
Telehealth Therapeutics Program**	$ 3,375,000	$ (570,790)	$ 2,804,210
Subtotal	$ 5,875,000	$ (2,358,805)	$ 3,516,195
Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 8,875	$ (1,707)	$ 7,168
Subtotal	$ 8,875	$ (1,707)	$ 7,168
TOTAL FUNDING	**$ 8,883,875**	**$ (2,360,512)**	**$ 6,523,363**

Notes
**There were two contracts associated with this initiative. $1,713,015 was spent on a contract with Foundation for Health Communities. $75,000 was paid to the County of Strafford.*
***There was one contract with On-Site Medical for Telehealth Services, $570,790 was expended.*

TABLE 2
ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

CLASS OBJECT CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXISTING BUDGET	FUNDS REQUIRED	TOTAL FUNDING
Contracts for Operational Services 103	Appropriation – Chapter 2, Laws of 2023	$ 21,578,400	$ -	$ 21,578,400
Audit Fund Set Aside 041	Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 21,600	$ 6,516	$ 28,116
	Repurposed ARPA Funding Request	$ -	$ 6,516,847	$ 6,516,847
	TOTAL FUNDING	**$ 21,600,000**	**$ 6,523,363**	**$ 28,123,363**
	YDC PROJECT BUDGET			
Audit Fund Set Aside 041-500801	Required audit funds set aside.	$ 21,600	$ 6,516	$ 28,116
	Contract A - HDR (Design)	$ 1,576,530	$ 370,485	$ 1,947,015
	Contract A - Design Contingency	$ 150,000	$ 100,000	$ 250,000
	Contract B - NV5 Commissioning (estimated)	$ 74,855	$ 17,591	$ 92,446
	Division of Public Works Design & Construction Fees	$ 197,000	$ 46,295	$ 243,295
	Contract C - HARD CONSTRUCTION (estimated)	$ 15,000,000	$ 4,602,201	$ 19,602,201
Contracts for Operational Services 103-502507	Contract C - Overhead & Profit (15%)	$ 2,250,000	$ 690,330	$ 2,940,330
	Contract C - Contingency Budget	$ 605,015	$ 145,351	$ 750,366
	Contract C - Escalation (2yrs)	$ 1,725,000	$ 544,594	$ 2,269,594
	TOTAL	**$ 21,600,000**	**$ 6,523,363**	**$ 28,123,363**

All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9543A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9543Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 4, 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
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), on behalf of various state agencies, to accept and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in an amount totaling $13,774,855 as outlined further below, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

A. On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Commissioner, accept and expend $7,738,973 to support capital investments in New Hampshire's behavioral health system. 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 and Section 602(c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue.

Funds are to be budgeted in 05-95-94-940010-24650000[1] Health and Social Services, Dept of Health and Human Services, HHS: New Hampshire Hospital, ARPA DHHS Fiscal Recovery Fund, as follows:

CLASS-ACCOUNT	CLASS TITLE	FY 2025 Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	FY 2025 Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$84,000,092	$7,738,973	$91,739,065
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost	$261,653	$0	$261,653
	Total Revenue	**$84,261,745**	**$7,738,973**	**$92,000,718**

[1] For Hampstead Hospital, all direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9550A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9550Z. For YDC Construction, all direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501Z. For NFI, all direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9551A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9551Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	$76,256	$0	$76,256
018-500106	Overtime	$5,000	$0	$5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	$10	$0	$10
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	$2,248,303	$0	$2,248,303
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$1	$0	$1
039-500180	Telecommunications	$300	$0	$300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$2,118,501	$0	$2,118,501
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$84,901	$0	$84,901
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$2,882	$0	$2,882
046-500462	Consultants	$1	$0	$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	$1	$0	$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	$1	$0	$1
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	$2,009	$0	$2,009
059-500117	Temp Full Time	$46,683	$0	$46,683
060-500601	Benefits	$736	$0	$736
070-500704	In-State Travel	$1,000	$0	$1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	$1	$0	$1
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$56,689,828	$7,738,973	$64,428,801
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	$22,985,331	$0	$22,985,331
	Total Expenses	**$84,261,745**	**$7,738,973**	**$92,000,718**

B. On behalf of the Department of Corrections, accept and expend $685,882 to support installing new air handlers and ductwork at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M), Concord, NH. 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.

Funds are to be budgeted in 02-46-46-460510-24390000[2], Dept of Corrections, ARP FRF Air Handler/Ductwork Replacement, as follows:

CLASS-ACCOUNT	CLASS TITLE	FY 2025 Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	FY 2025 Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$2,470,507	$685,882	$3,156,389

[2] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH4607A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH4607Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

	Total Revenue	**$2,470,507**	**$685,882**	**$3,156,389**
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$324,642	$0	$324,642
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$2,147	$0	$2,147
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	$2,143,718	$685,882	$2,829,600
	Total Expenses	**$2,470,507**	**$685,882**	**$3,156,389**

C. On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), accept and expend additional funds of $500,000 for cyanobacteria mitigation efforts. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602 (c)(I)(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Funds are to be budgeted in 03-44-44-440010-24760000[3], Dept of Environmental Services, ARPA DES Loans, as follows:

CLASS-ACCOUNT	CLASS TITLE	FY 2025 Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	FY 2025 Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$103,664,713	$500,000	$104,164,713
	Total Revenue	**$103,664,713**	**$500,000**	**$104,164,713**
018-500106	Overtime	$30,515	$0	$30,515
020-500200	Current Expense	$23,255	$0	$23,255
022-500255	Building Rent-Other than State	$3,640	$0	$3,640
024-500225	Maint Other than Bldg/Grnds	$3,000	$0	$3,000
027-582703	Transfers to OIT	$155,815	$0	$155,815
028-582814	Transfers to General Services	$124,812	$0	$124,812
030-500321	Equipment	$15,272	$0	$15,272
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	$1,417	$0	$1,417
038-500175	Technology Software	$12,013	$0	$12,013
039-500188	Telecommunications	$14,696	$0	$14,696
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$295,044	$0	$295,044
041-500801	Audit Set-Aside	$98,997	$0	$98,997
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$136,158	$0	$136,158
050-500109	Temporary Personnel	$644,287	$0	$644,287

[3] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4404A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4404Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

059-500117	Full Time Temporary	$1,599,769	$0	$1,599,769
060-500601	Benefits	$1,013,992	$0	$1,013,992
066-500544	Employee Training	$1,674	$0	$1,674
070-500705	In-State Travel	$9,118	$0	$9,118
072-500574	Grants - Federal	$94,379,253	$500,000	$94,879,253
080-500710	Out of State Travel	$3,500	$0	$3,500
085-588599	Inter Agcy Xfr Out of Fed Funds	$1,132,887	$0	$1,132,887
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$3,965,599	$0	$3,965,599
	Total Expenses	**$103,664,713**	**$500,000**	**$104,164,713**

D. On behalf of the Department of Administrative Services, accept and expend $3,450,000 for the purpose of deferred maintenance related to the State House and Annex buildings. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for the provision of governmental services and 602(c) (1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.

Funds are to be budgeted in 01-14-14-141510-26640000[4], Dept of Administrative Services, ARP Deferred Maint at State Fac, as follows:

CLASS-ACCOUNT	CLASS TITLE	FY 2025 Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	FY 2025 Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$20,818,602	$3,450,000	$24,268,602
	Total Revenue	**$20,818,602**	**$3,450,000**	**$24,268,602**
020-500200	Current Expenses	$1	$0	$1
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$22,000	$0	$22,000
048-500226	Contract Repairs Bdg. Grounds	$20,796,601	$3,450,000	$24,246,601
	Total Expenses	**$20,818,602**	**$3,450,000**	**$24,268,602**

E. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, accept and expend $1,400,000 to provide an award to Strafford County to replace the Strafford County Courthouse roof. 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 reduction in revenue.

[4] All direct program costs for Investments in Deferred Maintenance for the Annex Renovation will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS1401A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS1401Z. All direct program costs for Investments in Deferred Maintenance for State House Bathrooms will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH1408A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH1408Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

Funds are to be budgeted in 01-02-002-020210-24690000[5], GOFERR, ARP Grants and Disbursements as follows:

CLASS-ACCOUNT	CLASS TITLE	FY 2025 Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	FY 2025 Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$82,243,585	$1,400,000	$83,643,585
	Total Revenue	**$82,243,585**	**$1,400,000**	**$83,643,585**
040-501587	Indirect Costs	$145,105	$0	$145,105
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$159,190	$0	$159,190
072-500575	Grants Federal	$62,055,855	$1,400,000	$63,455,855
085-588510	Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Funds	$13,103,019	$0	$13,103,019
103-502664	Contracts for Op Services	$6,780,416	$0	$6,780,419
	Total Expenses	**$82,243,585**	**$1,400,000**	**$83,643,585**

EXPLANATION

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.

A. Department of Health and Human Services

Project #1 - Transitional Housing

The Department seeks approval to accept approximately $2 million to support the establishment of a new eight-bed therapeutic transitional housing program. The therapeutic program would support participants through transitions of care and serve as an alternative to and diversion from inpatient settings and a bridge to independent living following an inpatient stay or period of homelessness.

Approval of this request will support the Department's commitment to expanding residential treatment options for individuals with mental health conditions. The Department's efforts through Mission Zero, an initiative to eliminate emergency department psychiatric boarding, have highlighted the need to increase capacity of specialized residences to provide tailored supports and treatment to adults with mental health conditions. Transitional residential programs that provide integrated behavioral health treatment, daily living skills development, vocational support and community integration services are needed to facilitate recovery. Adding these critical services would lessen the burden placed on hospitals and shelters as a safety net and provide cost-effective support to enhance self-sufficiency and independence.

[5] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0242A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0242Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

The Department plans to use the funding to enter into an agreement with NFI North, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting one new property. The property is anticipated to consist of eight single bedrooms within a home-like setting. The property will meet life safety and ADA code requirements. NFI North, Inc. is a trusted partner with a proven record of establishing high quality residential programs.

Project #2 – Children's Center of Excellence

The Department requests to accept funding for capital investments to support and enhance services provided at the Children's Center of Excellence on the Hampstead campus in the amount of $5,738,973.

First, the Department seeks to use approximately $3 million to support the renovation of the psychiatric residential treatment facility at Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility (HHRTF). The PRTF is an intensive mental health treatment facility on the Children's Center of Excellence campus at Hampstead and is NH's only PRTF.

The Department would use the funding to engage an architect and contracting firm to make several crucial improvements to better fulfill the mission of serving 12 youth (rather than the average census of 6 it currently can accommodate). This funding will allow for:

- A more modern, open design can incorporate larger therapeutic spaces that can support various types of treatment modalities.
- Make the overall HHRTF operation more financially sustainable as revenue is not currently being maximized due to space and programming challenges associated with the current design.
- An expansion of the unit's footprint to an industry standard square footage per youth, which will improve youth behaviors and staff satisfaction.
- Provide for more common space to make the environment more behaviorally stable and trauma-informed, accommodating therapeutic interventions and group activities.
- Include more single bedrooms (rather than double) to better accommodate youth with challenging behaviors and reduce violent incidents.
- Shift to more safely accommodate youth of different genders, or with other issues between youth that require greater separation of sleeping spaces.
- Allow for life skill development spaces, such as a learning kitchen area, laundry machines, and other features to help youth build life skills for their return to the community.

Approval of this request will allow more NH youth in need of high-quality, intensive behavioral health services to receive such services close to their home community and natural supports, reducing the number who must wait to access such services—or access them outside of the State/region.

Second, the Department is requesting to accept $2,738,973 to support the construction of a therapeutically-oriented treatment facility for youth as required by Chapter 2, Laws of 2023. The Department has been working with the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction (DPW), to design the new youth development facility. Through that work, the Department

and DPW engaged in aggressive space-cutting measures to reduce costs while still ensuring safety and sufficient space for a therapeutic environment. On August 8, 2024, DPW posted a request for a Request for Bids (RFB), for construction of the new facility. This bid contained fifteen (15) Alternate Bid Items (Alternates). Alternates are not included in the Base Bid and, therefore, not used to determine the low bid. Once the low bid is established, the Department may add or deduct scope as described in the Alternates and per the Alternate bid prices provided by the low bidder. If this request is approved, then the Department will have funding sufficient to support several of the Alternates to support the Department's larger strategic behavioral health system efforts.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services will be used to support the behavioral health system capital investments described above.

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

B. Department of Corrections

This request provides additional funds for an ongoing project for the repair and replacement of air handlers and ductwork at the State Prison for Men. This project was first approved by Fiscal Committee on June 8, 2021, item FIS 21-137 and Governor and Council on June 16, 2021 item #75. The systems are currently being repaired and rebuilt due to the age of the systems, dating back to 1983, and ductwork rusting through to the point of collapsing. Each housing unit is approximately 19,500 square feet.

Due to COVID-19, ARPA SFRF has funded many HVAC related projects across the country, driving up costs and impacting supply chains. Unprecedented price escalations have resulted since the initial estimates were completed for this project. This additional funding will allow for induct cooling to be installed in staff areas, electric heaters to be installed in machinal areas, allowing the housing unit to no longer have steam in the buildings, and duct cleaning. As construction on this project has progressed and ductwork has been removed for replacement, issues have been discovered which were not known at the project's inception, including:

- Several sections of duct located in hidden chase ways were found to be deteriorated or missing. Most of the project contingency was utilized to replace this ductwork.
- The spaces where the plenums were originally designed to be installed were found to be too small for the installer to access to complete the work. A minor design change was made to move the plenums and associated ductwork to alternative accessible locations. These new locations are influenced by outdoor conditions, so insulation must now be added to protect the duct in these areas.
- The remaining ducting that is not being replaced as part of this project was found to have a build-up of dust and debris inside which could travel through the duct systems and be distributed into the air, as well as restrict air flow to and from the air handlers, increasing the risk of failure of the air handlers. A professional duct cleaning company is needed to thoroughly clean the duct and ensure all the debris is removed.

In addition, the following items that were included in the original project now lack funding to complete due to the unexpected expense to replace the additional ducting described above:

- Air conditioning equipment was procured that will provide cooling in staff areas, which become unbearably hot in the summer months. However, this project now lacks the funds needed to install this equipment.
- One of the goals of this project is to eliminate steam heat from the Medium Custody North and South housing units, which would create energy efficiency and cost savings. The mechanical spaces in these buildings have been heated via residual heat coming from the steam pipes, which prevents the plumbing pipes in the mechanical spaces from freezing in the winter. Small electric heaters were planned to be installed in the mechanical spaces to provide heat once the steam was eliminated. However, this item was removed from the project due to a lack of funds. As a result, the steam to these buildings will need to remain on in the winter to heat the mechanical spaces, which is an ongoing annual cost and energy usage.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 103 - Contracts for Operation Services to install new air handlers and duct work.

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

C. Department of Environmental Services

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to expedite the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

NHDES has been awarded $500,000 in ARPA funds to support cyanobacteria mitigation efforts to assist eligible municipalities to reduce the number of chronic and extended cyanobacteria blooms that are a threat to the long-term health and recreational values of state waterbodies.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 072 – Grants Federal to cover grants for support in cyanobacteria mitigation efforts.

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

D. Department of Administrative Services

The requested funds will be used for two (2) deferred maintenance projects both of which have been started but are in need of additional funding for the renovations.

- The first project is to continue the work for a much-needed bathroom renovation project at the State House. Several years ago, the General Court of New Hampshire (GCNH) in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW), contracted with an engineering firm to develop a design plan for bathroom renovations at the State House to make them ADA/building code compliant. The design was completed but the project was never started because funding was not available. An updated design was recently completed, and the first construction phase of the project received ARPA funding in May 2024 (FIS 24 183) and work has begun. The initial funding allowed for one stack of bathrooms to be renovated and this request, for $1,030,000, will allow for all remaining bathrooms to be renovated.
- The second project is for additional funding for the State House Annex Building renovation. Partial funding has been appropriated over the last several years with capital funds (Chapter 146:1, II, B, 4, Laws of 2019 and Chapter 107:1,1, D, 11, Laws of 2021), FY 22-23 HB2 funding, and most recently in FY23 with additional ARPA funds. The current contract is for the partial renovation of the existing office building, including the demolition and installation of new mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, bathroom renovations, partitions, doors, and finishes. Renovations will be made to all four floors and the basement in the area of the building facing Capitol Street (core area), as well as the West wing of the fourth floor. The work also includes abatement of hazardous materials found in the areas to be renovated. Future phases will complete the renovation of the building, including the remaining wings of the basement and the first through fourth floors. This request for $2,420,000 will allow renovations to continue for the east and west wings of one floor in the building.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 048 - Contract Repairs: Bldg. Grounds - Includes contractual costs of maintenance projects by contracted vendors. Services provided may include, but are not limited to, plumbing, electrical, flooring work, and other services associated with this project.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, additional General or Capital Funds may be requested to support this.

E. Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery

This project would result in a one-time investment in the replacement of the roof at Strafford County Courthouse. Due to several drainage, age, underlayment, and patch failure issues, the roof is currently leaking during rainstorms or heavy snow. Most sections of the roof were in "failed" condition per a report issued June 2024. Some of the staff who work in the building have water running into their offices during rainstorms.

This request for $1,400,000 in ARPA funding would allow the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to provide an award to Strafford County, to be used for a full roof replacement at the Strafford County Courthouse.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 072 – Grants Federal to cover the cost of the project.

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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Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 to support the construction of the future youth development center, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. 100% Federal Funds.

This item is contingent upon final written authorization from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery upon ARPA SFRF funds being available for reallocation and a determination of appropriate expenditure category.

05-95-94-940010-2465[1] HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS9501Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$ 84,000,092	$ 5,000,000	$ 89,000,092
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost	$ 261,653	$ -	$ 261,653
	General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Total Revenue	**$ 84,261,745**	**$ 5,000,000**	**$ 89,261,745**
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	$ 76,256		$ 76,256
018-500106	Overtime	$ 5,000		$ 5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	$ 10		$ 10
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	$ 2,248,303		$ 2,248,303
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$ 1		$ 1
039-500180	Telecommunications	$ 300		$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$ 2,118,501		$ 2,118,501
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 84,901		$ 84,901
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$ 2,882		$ 2,882
046-500462	Consultants	$ 1		$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds	$ 1		$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	$ 1		$ 1
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	$ 2,009		$ 2,009
059-500117	Temp Full Time	$ 46,683		$ 46,683
060-500601	Benefits	$ 736		$ 736
070-500704	In-State Travel	$ 1,000		$ 1,000
072-502683	Grants Federal	$ 1		$ 1
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$ 56,689,828	$ 5,000,000	$ 61,689,828
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	$ 22,985,331		$ 22,985,331
	Total Expenses	**$ 84,261,745**	**$ 5,000,000**	**$ 89,261,745**

EXPLANATION

The Department requests to accept an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 of ARPA SFRF funds, to support the construction of the future trauma-informed 18-bed Youth Detention Center (YDC).

Chapter 2, Laws of 2023 (House Bill 49), appropriated $21,600,000 to the Department and requires the Department to construct an architecturally-secure, therapeutically-oriented treatment facility for a maximum of 18 youth to replace the existing 144 bed Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) facility. During the summer and fall of 2023 the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction (DPW), in collaboration with the Department, contracted with an external architect for the design of the facility.

The Department and DPW worked with the architect and determined that funding was insufficient to support initial design plans. The Department and DPW engaged in aggressive space-cutting measures to reduce costs while still ensuring safety and sufficient space for a therapeutic environment. After the architect's pre-design phase, the estimate was more than 15,000 gross square feet (gsf) over original projections. Five rounds of team-based, careful-yet-intensive cuts ensued and reduced the overage by half.

Following this work, the Department concluded that the original appropriation would not support the construction of a safe, trauma-informed facility for the projected youth population. The Department subsequently submitted a request to repurpose an additional $6,523,363 of ARPA SFRF for the construction of the future YDC, which was approved by the Fiscal Committee on November 17, 2023 (Late Item FIS 23-340) and Governor and Council on November 29, 2023 (Item #6).

On August 8, 2024, DPW posted a request for a Request for Bids (RFB), for construction of the new YDC. In response to the RFB, DPW received one bid, which came in at $30,465,573. DPW and the Department are actively negotiating the final contract price in an effort to bring the cost down. The final amount will be reflected in the contract. As detailed in **Table 1** below, the Department anticipates needing approximately $5 million to support the revised bid amounts for contract. Although DPW commissioned two independent cost estimates prior to releasing the RFB to inform the budget, the current market for construction materials and labor is highly volatile. The winning bidder's pricing for certain labor and materials for the core building was about 30% higher than previously calculated by the independent cost estimators.

TABLE 1

DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
Chapter 2, Laws of 2023 (HB49)	$	21,600,000
Repurposed ARPA Funding Request *~FIS Late Item 23-340, November 17, 2023* *~G&C Item #6, November 29, 2023*	$	6,523,363
TOTAL FUNDING	**$**	**28,123,363**
Architecture & Engineering Contract	$	2,298,347
Commissioning Contract	$	91,123
Third Part Estimation Contract	$	10,435
BPW Fees, Clerk Hours, and PM Costs	$	243,295
TOTAL EXPENSES/OBLIGATIONS	**$**	**2,643,200**
BID AMOUNT	**$**	**30,465,573**
BASE BID SHORTFALL	**$**	**(4,985,410)**

Without approval of this request, the Department will not have funds sufficient necessary for the construction of the future YDC. The Department is prohibited from using any general funds for the YDC construction in accordance with Chapter 79, 443, Laws of 2023. Consequently, per state law, the Department must use ARPA funds for the construction.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 102 – The funds will be used to support the construction of the future YDC.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal Funds.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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