



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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August 28, 2025

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to amend an existing agreement with Coos County Nursing Home (VC #159847), Berlin, NH to extend the completion date from September 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$477,819, in order to complete their project as part of the County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, which provides funds for capital investments to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, effective upon approval by Governor and Executive Council. The original award was approved by Governor and Executive Council on January 18, 2023, Item #54 and amended on August 7, 2024, Item #5D. 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

\$50,075,000 was approved by Governor and Council on June 15, 2022 (Item #80B) to fund a County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, which provides funds for capital investments designed to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing home facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, where the county is able to provide the majority of funding for an identified project.

GOFERR facilitated two funding application rounds, the first of which was competitive and resulted in two awards, which were approved by Governor and Council. Not all eligible applications in Round 1 received funding, but eligible applications not funded in Round 1 were automatically considered for funding in Round 2, which was designed to be noncompetitive and result in the pro rata distribution of funds, subject to a cap, if eligible applications and projects exceeded remaining funds for the program.

In both rounds of the program, the resulting awards issued were 0% interest forgivable loans. Counties must contribute at least 60% of the project cost, with GOFERR providing ARPA SFRF to cover up-to the remaining 40%. This program was open to all 10 counties in New Hampshire. All awards were presented for review and approval by the Governor and Council, and projects were required to comply with requirements established by ARPA SFRF guidance.

In Round 2 of this program, \$477,819 was awarded to Coos County Nursing Home to support improvements designed to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. Investments include infrastructure connected to heat air exchange units, such as propane and oil tanks, facility entrance

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modifications to improve quarantine efforts, meet social distancing guidelines, and minimize virus spread, new furnishings and window treatments with microbial resistant surfaces and improved energy efficiency, equipment and infrastructure intended to aid in disinfecting efforts and mitigation strategies, such as new industrial washers and dryers and bathing units, as well as investments that help adapt to workforce challenges and improve delivery of services with increased efficiencies through a new call bell system and patient transferring devices.

As a result of construction and labor delays for a specialized sprinkler system, GOFERR is requesting a no-cost extension for this project through the end of the year to ensure enough time to complete it. Coos County expects the project to be completed long before this deadline.

GOFERR has determined that Coos County has secured the required levels of insurance and has provided evidence of authority to execute and be bound by the contract.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Taylor Caswell', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Taylor Caswell
Executive Director, GOFERR

Amendment #2 to Forgivable Loan Agreement

This amendment (“Amendment”) is entered into this 27th day of August, 2025, by and between the State of New Hampshire, acting by and through the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) or its successor, 1 Eagle Sq, Concord, NH, 03301 (hereinafter referred to as “the State”) and Coos County, 364 Cate’s Hill Road, Berlin, NH 03570 (hereinafter referred to as “Borrower”), collectively referred to as (“the Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Parties have entered into a forgivable loan agreement (“the Agreement”) authorized by the Governor and Executive Council on January 18, 2023, item #54;

WHEREAS Section 2, subsection B of the Agreement requires that the Project be completed by September 30, 2024;

WHEREAS Section 2, subsection B of the Agreement further states that “limited extensions may be possible, with written consent from the Lender and approval of Governor and Council;

WHEREAS the Parties entered into a prior Amendment as authorized by the Governor and Executive Council on August 7, 2024, item #5D, extending the completion date to September 30, 2025;

WHEREAS Borrower has need of an additional extension to complete the project, and such need has been reviewed and approved by GOFERR;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement and set forth herein, the Parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. Amend Section 2, subsection A by extending the completion date from September 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
2. Amend Section 2, subsection B by deleting the last five paragraphs of the section entirely and replacing with the following:

By entering into this Agreement, the Borrower accepts liability for the ARPA Loan Amount with repayment to begin on January 15, 2026, or earlier, if breach of the terms of the Agreement occurs.

The Project must be completed by December 31, 2025. Limited extension may be possible, with written consent by the Lender and approval of Governor and Council.

Upon completion and satisfaction of the terms of the Agreement on or before December 31, 2025, (or later if an extension is approved by the Lender) the Borrower’s Loan Amount will be deemed satisfied and paid in full.

If the Project is not successfully completed and/or the Agreement is not fulfilled or substantively breached, then the Borrower shall begin repaying the Loan Amount to the Lender beginning on January 15, 2026, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in section 5 of this Agreement.

This Agreement is NOT a negotiable instrument.

3. Amend Section 5 by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

As indicated in Section 2, "PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT," if the Project is not successfully completed and/or the Agreement is not fulfilled or substantively breached, then the Borrower shall begin repaying the Loan Amount to the Lender beginning on January 15, 2026, pursuant to the following terms.

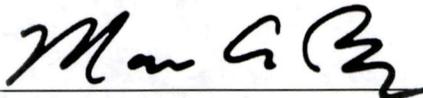
The Borrower will repay the Loan at a rate of \$53,091 per month, which is the equivalent of the Loan balance being distributed equally across 9 monthly payments. The first payment will be due on or before January 15, 2026. All subsequent payments will be due on or before the 15th day of each month, with payment due the first business day following a weekend or federal or State holiday if the 15th occurs on such a weekend or holiday. Payments will be made by check or money order, marked payable to the "State of New Hampshire," and mailed to the following address: 1 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301. The Loan will be fully paid on or before September 15, 2026 which will be the 9th and final payment period.

4. Amend Section 8 by deleting the first sentence and replacing with "If the Borrower does not complete the entire project by December 31, 2025, and the Loan payments have started, the Borrower may prepay the Loan without penalty."

All other provisions of this forgivable loan shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hand as of the day and year first above written.

Grantee Signature: Designated Signing Authority



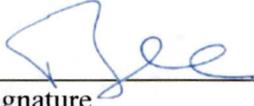
Signature

Print Name: Mark A. Brady

Date: August 27, 2025

Title: County Administrator

State of New Hampshire Signature:



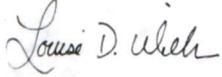
Signature

Print Name: Taylor Caswell

Date: August 27, 2025

Title: Executive Director, GOFERR

Approved as to form substance and execution NH Department of Justice:



Louise D. Williams, Asst AG

Date: 8/28/25

Signature

Print Name:

Title:

Approved by New Hampshire Governor and Council: _____ Date: _____



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July 22, 2024

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State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

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EXPLANATION

\$50,075,000 was approved by Governor and Council on June 15, 2022 (Item #80B) to fund a County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, which provides funds for capital investments designed to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing home facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, where the county is able to provide the majority of funding for an identified project.

GOFERR facilitated two funding application rounds, the first of which was competitive and resulted in two awards, which were approved by Governor and Council. Not all eligible applications in Round 1 received funding, but eligible applications not funded in Round 1 were automatically considered for funding in Round 2, which was designed to be noncompetitive and result in the pro rata distribution of funds, subject to a cap, if eligible applications and projects exceeded remaining funds for the program.

In both rounds of the program, the resulting awards issued are 0% interest forgivable loans. Counties must contribute at least 60% of the project cost, with GOFERR providing ARPA SFRF to cover up-to the remaining 40%. This program has been open to all 10 counties in New Hampshire. All awards are presented for review and approval by the Governor and Council, and projects must comply with requirements established by ARPA SFRF guidance.

As a result of supply chain and construction delays, GOFERR is requesting no-cost extensions for multiple counties on this agenda.

\$477,819 was awarded to Coos County Nursing Home to support improvements designed to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. Investments include infrastructure connected to heat air

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exchange units, such as propane and oil tanks, facility entrance modifications to improve quarantine efforts, meet social distancing guidelines, and minimize virus spread, new furnishings and window treatments with microbial resistant surfaces and improved energy efficiency, equipment and infrastructure intended to aid in disinfecting efforts and mitigation strategies, such as new industrial washers and dryers and bathing units, as well as investments that help adapt to workforce challenges and improve delivery of services with increased efficiencies through a new call bell system and patient transferring devices. This no cost extension would ensure the completion of these projects, which is being requested as a result of contractor and procurement delays.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell
Executive Director, GOFERR



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December 8, 2022

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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to enter into an agreement with Coos County Nursing Home, (VC #159847), 363 Cate Hill, Berlin NH , in the amount of \$477,819 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) as part of the County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, which provides funds for capital investments to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, effective upon approval by Governor and Executive Council, through September 30, 2024. 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.**

Funds are available as follows:

01-02-002-020210-Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery,
24690000 - ARP Grants and Disbursements

072 - 500574 Grants Federal

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\$477,819

EXPLANATION

\$50,075,000 was approved by Governor and Council on June 15, 2022 (Item 80B) to fund a County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, which provides funds for capital investments designed to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing home facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, where the county is able to provide the majority of funding for an identified project.

GOFERR facilitated two funding application rounds, the first of which was competitive and resulted in two awards, which were approved by Governor and Council. Not all eligible applications in Round 1 received funding, but eligible applications not funded in Round 1 were automatically considered for funding in Round 2, which was designed to be noncompetitive and result in the pro rata distribution of funds, subject to a cap, if eligible applications and projects exceeded remaining funds for the program. Approximately \$19.6 million remained available to award in Round 2.

In both rounds of the program, the resulting awards issued are 0% interest forgivable loans. Counties must contribute at least 60% of the project cost, with GOFERR providing ARPA SFRF to cover up to the

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remaining 40%. This program has been open to all 10 counties in New Hampshire. All awards are presented for review and approval by the Governor and Council, and projects must comply with requirements established by ARPA SFRF guidance.

As with Round 1, multiple Counties applied in Round 2. and if all awards are authorized by Governor and Council, every eligible applicant will have received funding toward their projects. Requested funds exceeded available funds and has resulted in the need to equitably distribute those funds across eligible applicants and projects.

This project is one of several Round 2 awards on this meeting's agenda for consideration or planned for future meetings. If authorized, up to \$477,819 would be provided to the Coos County Nursing Home to support improvements designed to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. Investments include infrastructure connected to heat air exchange units, such as propane and oil tanks, facility entrance modifications to improve quarantine efforts, meet social distancing guidelines, and minimize virus spread, new furnishings and window treatments with microbial resistant surfaces and improved energy efficiency, equipment and infrastructure intended to aid in disinfecting efforts and mitigation strategies, such as new industrial washers and dryers and bathing units, as well as investments that help adapt to workforce challenges and improve delivery of services with increased efficiencies through a new call bell system and patient transferring devices.

This request 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 and may meet criteria under other defined ARPA SFRF eligibility categories as well.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Chase Hagaman,
Deputy Director, GOFERR