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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 \$603,380 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	\$ 42,402,409	\$ 603,380	\$ 43,005,789
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 261,653	\$ -	\$ 261,653
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ 42,664,062	\$ 603,380	\$ 43,267,442
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-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	\$ 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	\$ 33,854,775	\$ 603,380	\$ 34,458,155
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 7,595,395	\$ -	\$ 7,595,395
	Total Expenses	\$ 42,664,062	\$ 603,380	\$ 43,267,442

EXPLANATION

Purpose: The Department requests to accept and expend \$603,380 of 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	
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - FIS 24-371, 10/18/24 G&C - Item #51 10/30/24	\$2,738,973	
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - FIS 24-353, 10/18/24 G&C - Item #6 10/30/24	\$5,000,000	
Supplemental Funding Fiscal - FIS 25-231, 09/05/25 G&C - Item #105 09/17/25	\$1,942,791	
Total	\$37,805,127	
Request	\$603,380	100% Federal ARPA SFRF
Updated Total	\$38,408,507	

Justification: When funds for the YDC rebuild were first appropriated during the 2023 Legislative Session, 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. During this time 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.

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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 determined that several following components are essential for occupancy and service delivery. Today, these additional funds will help facilitate the construction of additional add alternates, including the below two add alternate components needed for the project:

- Federally Required Outdoor Large Muscle Movement space.
- Additional contingency to support change orders for utilities and construction.

This will ensure the project can meet the June 2026 substantial completion deadline.

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.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully Submitted,



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