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February 6, 2026

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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1) Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, to accept and expend \$204,016,550, of Rural Health Transformation Grant funds, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to allow the Department to act as the pass through agency per CMS guidance for the Governor’s Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (“GO-NORTH”) **Retroactive** to February 3, 2026, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027, and authorize the allocation of these funds. 100% Federal Funds.
- 2) Contingent upon Requested Action 1, pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of the Governor’s Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (“GO-NORTH”), to amend FIS 25-295, approved by the Fiscal Committee on December 19, 2025, and Item #112B, approved by the Governor and Council on December 17, 2025, by aligning the amount of the accepted funds to \$202,332,938 and transferring funds as detailed in the attached fiscal details within GO-NORTH, in order to make technical corrections to align with the grant award and to support making rural healthcare more connected, resilient, and responsive, effective **Retroactive** to February 3, 2026, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027, and authorize the allocation of these funds. 100% Other Funds (Transfer of Federal Funds).

See attached fiscal details.

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to accept and expend the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) grant award for Budget Period 1 of approximately \$204 million. Approval of this action will allow the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to pass through funds to the Governor’s Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH). Further, approval will allow GO-NORTH to revise its previously approved budget to align with the final approved grant award.

This request is **Retroactive** to align spending with the date that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved New Hampshire’s RHT grant award, which was February 3, 2026.

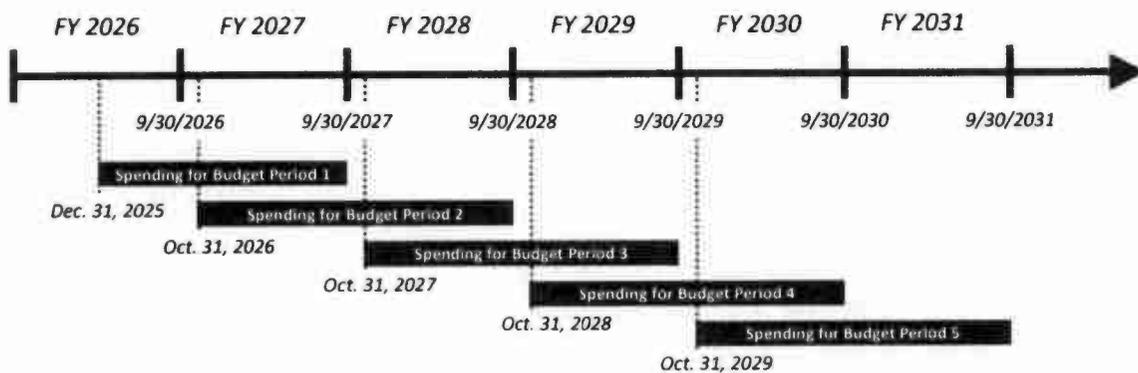
In order to avoid a potentially 90-day CMS administrative review, CMS recommended that DHHS receive the award directly and pass funds through to GO-NORTH. Approval of this request will allow New

Hampshire to access the funds awarded for community services more quickly and maintain partnership and alignment between DHHS and GO-NORTH.

New Hampshire was awarded approximately \$204 million in Budget Period one (1), which was \$4 million more than requested in the original budget submitted to CMS. All Budget Period 1 funds must be expended by September 30, 2027. Similarly, all future Grant Awards must be spent within two years, with the award for Budget Period two (2) anticipated to be received in September 2026. The grant award notice states that any unspent funds will be monitored regularly and redistributed to other states if not spent within required timeframes. New Hampshire must spend all future awards within approximately a two-year period and meet performance metrics set by CMS or risk losing funds. The RHT grant is very different from other federal awards, which typically have clearly defined, non-overlapping budget periods and do not traditionally tie future award amounts to performance and spending.

The RHT grant is a five-year federal award with authority to expend funds for up to six years, through September 30, 2031, as depicted in the timeline below. This accept and expend request is for Budget Period 1 only.

Rural Health Transformation Grant Timeline



The budgeted funds are planned to be used as follows:

DHHS – 05-95-95-950010-####-Rural Health Transformation

Class 010 – Personal Services – Classified – To support allocated costs to DHHS who employees who will support GO-NORTH activities in accordance with Executive Order 2025-06.

Class 012 – Personal Services-Unclassified – To support allocated costs to DHHS employees who will support GO-NORTH activities in Accordance with Executive Order 2025-06. To pay for one unclassified staff salary for one position that will spend 100 percent of its time supporting GO-NORTH activities in accordance with Executive Order 2025-06.

Class 020 – Current Expenses – To purchase necessary office supplies for the one position supporting GO-NORTH.

Class 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside – RSA 124:16 requires state agencies to set aside a percentage of federal funds for financial and compliance audits in an amount equal to the rate approved in the statewide indirect cost plan (i.e., 0.1%).

Class 060 – Benefits – Funds to support allocated costs of DHHS employees supporting GO-NORTH activities and the unclassified position that will support GO-NORTH 100% of its time.

Class 080 – Out of State Travel – Out of State Travel required to for one employee to attend anticipated required RHTG trainings.

Class 085 – Interagency Transfer out of Federal – Funds that will be pass through to GO-NORTH to effectuate the RHTG on behalf of the State.

GO- NORTH – 01-02-02-020310-60840000

Class 016 – Personal Services Non-Classified – To pay for non-classified staff salaries of GO-NORTH staff established pursuant to RSA 4:12 and Executive Order 2025-06.

Class 020 – Current Expenses – To purchase necessary office supplies to carry out the grant.

Class 027 – Transfer to DoIT – To make payments to the Department of Information Technology.

Class 028 – Transfer to General Services – To make lease payments to the Department of Administrative Services for office space.

Class 030 – Equipment New/Replacement – To purchase office equipment to support the grant.

Class 037 – Technology Hardware – To purchase computers and monitors for staff.

Class 038 – Technology Software – Funding for the provision of all necessary software licenses.

Class 039 – Telecommunications – To cover monthly cellular communication costs.

Class 040 – Indirect Costs – This expense class is used to record agency indirect cost recoveries and agency payments for central State services included in the Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP).

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside – Reduced to zero as DHHS will be paying this on behalf of the entire grant award.

Class 042 – Post Retirement - Post retirement is used to reimburse the general fund for payments for retiree health insurance.

Class 060 – Benefits – Funds to support benefits of non-classified GO-NORTH staff.

Class 062 – Workers Compensation - Funds to support workers compensation for non-classified GO - NORTH staff.

Class 066 – Employee Training – To support staff in developing expertise needed to guide RHTP activities.

Class 070 – In State Travel Reimbursement - Local travel to attend meeting and project activities.

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Class 074 – Grants for Pub Asst and Relief – Support payments to subrecipients that will be contractually required to carry out rural health transformation initiatives and projects as approved by CMS.

Class 080 – Out of State Travel – Out of State Travel required to attend anticipated required RHTG trainings.

Class 085 – Interagency Transfer out of Federal Funds – To support anticipated transfers to other State Agencies who will support GO-NORTH RHT grant initiatives.

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services - Contract payments to contractors providing direct services to GO-NORTH that support the rural health transformation statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds for HHS. 100% Other for GO-NORTH.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner
Department of Health & Human Services



Donnalee Lozeau
Director
Governor's Office of New Opportunities &
Rural Transformational Health

State Fiscal Year 2026

NOTE: All of the Budget Period 1 award is being budgeted in State Fiscal Year 2026 and any unspent funds in State Fiscal Year 2026 will be carried forward into State Fiscal Year 2027.

05-095-095-950010-TBD HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS; HHS: COMMISSIONERS OFFICE; OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER; RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Increasing Amount	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 204,016,550	\$ 204,016,550
<u>Sub Total Revenue:</u>		\$ -	\$ 204,016,550	\$ 204,016,550
Expense				
010-500100	Personal Services-Classified	\$ -	\$ 553,262	\$ 553,262
012-500128	Personal Services-Unclassified	\$ -	\$ 316,000	\$ 316,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ -	\$ 10,333	\$ 10,333
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ -	\$ 204,017	\$ 204,017
060-500601	Benefits	\$ -	\$ 596,700	\$ 596,700
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ -	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300
085-588502	Inter-Agency Transfers out of Fed	\$ -	\$ 202,332,938	\$ 202,332,938
<u>Sub Total Expense:</u>		\$ -	\$ 204,016,550	\$ 204,016,550

01-02-02-020310-60840000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, GO-NORTH

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 70,868,177	\$ (70,868,177)	\$ -
00D-488595-69	Transfer of Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 202,332,938	\$ 202,332,938
<u>Sub Total Revenue:</u>		\$ 70,868,177	\$ 131,464,761	\$ 202,332,938

Expense				
016-500141	Personal Services Non Classified	\$ 745,630	\$ 554,370	\$ 1,300,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 120,135	\$ (105,635)	\$ 14,500
027-582703	Transfer to DoIT	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
028-582814	Transfers to General Services	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 5,000	\$ 36,200	\$ 41,200
037-500166	Technology Hardware	\$ 24,000	\$ (9,000)	\$ 15,000
038-500175	Technology Software	\$ 7,200	\$ 26,800	\$ 34,000
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 7,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 60,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 70,797	\$ (70,797)	\$ -
042-500620	Post Retirement	\$ 100,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 165,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 378,974	\$ 146,026	\$ 525,000
062-500538	Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ 7,022	\$ 37,978	\$ 45,000
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 6,455	\$ 6,545	\$ 13,000
074-500585	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	\$ 62,118,627	\$ 121,381,373	\$ 183,500,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ 4,869	\$ 9,131	\$ 14,000
085-588556	Interagency Xfr Out of Fed	\$ 116,963	\$ 54,775	\$ 171,738
102-500731	Contract for Program Services	\$ 7,055,505	\$ 8,944,495	\$ 16,000,000
<u>Sub Total Expense:</u>		\$ 70,868,177	\$ 131,464,761	\$ 202,332,938

State Fiscal Year 2027

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Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 185,582,320	\$ (185,582,320)	\$ -
00D-488595-69	Transfer of Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Sub Total Revenue:	\$ 185,582,320	\$ (185,582,320)	\$ -

Expense				
016-500141	Personal Services Non Classified	\$ 1,799,074	\$ (1,799,074)	\$ -
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 20,732	\$ (20,732)	\$ -
027-582703	Transfer to DoIT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)	\$ -
037-500166	Technology Hardware	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
038-500175	Technology Software	\$ 6,200	\$ (6,200)	\$ -
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 9,400	\$ (9,400)	\$ -
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 200,000	\$ (200,000)	\$ -
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 185,477	\$ (185,477)	\$ -
042-500620	Post Retirement	\$ 200,000	\$ (200,000)	\$ -
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 824,299	\$ (824,299)	\$ -
062-500538	Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ 47,022	\$ (47,022)	\$ -
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 8,785	\$ (8,785)	\$ -
074-500585	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	\$ 165,986,802	\$ (165,986,802)	\$ -
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ 6,627	\$ (6,627)	\$ -
085-588556	Interagency Xfr Out of Fed	\$ 1,403,267	\$ (1,403,267)	\$ -
085-588595	Interagency Xfr Out of Fed	\$ 233,926	\$ (233,926)	\$ -
102-500731	Contract for Program Services	\$ 14,643,709	\$ (14,643,709)	\$ -
	Sub Total Expense:	\$ 185,582,320	\$ (185,582,320)	\$ -



Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Award

Award# RHTCMS332050-01-01

FAIN# RHTCMS332050

Federal Award Date: 02/03/2026

Recipient Information

1. Recipient Name

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES
129 Pleasant St
Concord, NH 03301-3852
[NO DATA]

2. Congressional District of Recipient

02

3. Payment System Identifier (ID)

1026000618A1

4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

026000618

5. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

011040545

6. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

LA2HR1U97VC6

7. Project Director or Principal Investigator

Mrs. Whitney Hammond
Director of Transformation
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6037311120

8. Authorized Official

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Federal Agency Information

Office of Acquisitions and Grants Management

9. Awarding Agency Contact Information

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10. Program Official Contact Information

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410-786-8984

Federal Award Information

11. Award Number

RHTCMS332050-01-01

12. Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)

RHTCMS332050

13. Statutory Authority

Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025, Section 71401

14. Federal Award Project Title

Granite Strong. Future Ready.

15. Assistance Listing Number

93.798

16. Assistance Listing Program Title

Rural Health Transformation Program

17. Award Action Type

Revision (Budget)

18. Is the Award R&D?

No

Summary Federal Award Financial Information

19. Budget Period Start Date	12/29/2025	- End Date	10/30/2026	
20. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action				\$0.00
20a. Direct Cost Amount				(\$1,544,879.20)
20b. Indirect Cost Amount				\$1,544,879.20
21. Authorized Carryover				\$0.00
22. Offset				\$0.00
23. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated this budget period				\$204,016,550.20
24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable				\$0.00
25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved this Budget Period				\$204,016,550.20
26. Period of Performance Start Date	12/29/2025	- End Date	10/30/2030	
27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching this Period of Performance				\$204,016,550.20

28. Authorized Treatment of Program Income

ADDITIONAL COSTS

29. Grants Management Officer - Signature

Ms. Shamia Cunningham
Grants Management Officer

30. Remarks

See Remarks (continuation)



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Notice of Award

Award# RHTCMS332050-01-01
FAIN# RHTCMS332050
Federal Award Date: 02/03/2026

Recipient Information	
Recipient Name NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 129 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301-3852 [NO DATA]	
Congressional District of Recipient 02	
Payment Account Number and Type 1026000618A1	
Employer Identification Number (EIN) Data 026000618	
Universal Numbering System (DUNS) 011040545	
Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) LA2HR1U97VC6	
31. Assistance Type Cooperative Agreement	
32. Type of Award Other	

33. Approved Budget (Excludes Direct Assistance)	
I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only	
II. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation	
a. Salaries and Wages	\$85,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$40,557.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$125,557.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$5,491.00
f. Travel	\$5,716.00
g. Construction	\$0.00
h. Other	\$1,969.00
i. Contractual	\$202,332,938.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$202,471,671.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$1,544,879.20
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$204,016,550.20
m. Federal Share	\$204,016,550.20
n. Non-Federal Share	\$0.00

34. Accounting Classification Codes						
FY-ACCOUNT NO.	DOCUMENT NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE CODE	OBJECT CLASS	ASSISTANCE LISTING	AMT ACTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	APPROPRIATION
6-5992269	RHT332050A	RHT	4158	93.798	\$0.00	75-2632-0515



Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Award

Award# RHTCMS332050-01-01

FAIN# RHTCMS332050

Federal Award Date: 02/03/2026

Remarks (Continuation)

This Notice of Award approves the revised budget and lifting of restriction in the amount of \$204,016,550.20 per your request dated 01/21/2026. In addition, this Notice of Award approves the key staff addition per your request to assign GO-NORTH staff Michele Thibault to the award.

Sufficient reporting information was provided to lift the restriction on contractual funds. However, a complete description and cost breakdown must be provided to CMS for each consultant, subrecipient, or contract upon selection. If Recipient previously included any of the required contractual reporting information in its budget, this information should be updated, as necessary, to reflect the specific subrecipient/contractor/consultant selected. Please review the "CMS Guidance for Preparing a Budget Request and Narrative" (Section F) for further guidance on these requirements: <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/work-us/cms-grants-cooperative-agreements/how-apply-cms-grants/cms-guidance-preparing-budget-request-narrative>

Program, and Standard Terms and Conditions remain in effect.

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December 9, 2025

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

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 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, on behalf of the Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health ("GO-NORTH"), to accept and expend up to \$265,450,497 of Rural Health Transformation Grant funds, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to make rural healthcare more connected, resilient, and responsive, effective January 1, 2026, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027, and authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. 100% Federal Funds.

01-02-02-020310-XXXX0000 General Government, Executive Department, Executive Department, GO-NORTH, GO-NORTH

State Fiscal Year 2026

000-TBD-16	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 70,868,177	\$ 70,868,177
Sub Total Revenue:		\$ -	\$ 70,868,177	\$ 70,868,177
Expense				
016-500141	Personal Services Non Classified	\$ -	\$745,630	\$ 745,630
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ -	\$120,135	\$ 120,135
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ -	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
037-500166	Technology - Hardware	\$ -	\$24,000	\$ 24,000
038-500175	Technology - Software	\$ -	\$7,200	\$ 7,200
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ -	\$7,000	\$ 7,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$100,000	\$ 100,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ -	\$70,797	\$ 70,797
042-500620	Post Retirement	\$ -	\$100,000	\$ 100,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$ -	\$378,974	\$ 378,974
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ -	\$7,022	\$ 7,022
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ -	\$6,455	\$ 6,455
074-500585	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	\$ -	\$62,118,627	\$ 62,118,627
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ -	\$4,869	\$ 4,869
085-588595	Interagency Xfr Out of Fed	\$ -	\$116,963	\$ 116,963
102-500731	Contract for Program Services	\$ -	\$7,055,505	\$ 7,055,505
Sub Total Expense:		\$ -	\$ 70,868,177	\$ 70,868,177

State Fiscal Year 2027

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-TBD-16	Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ 185,582,320	\$ 185,582,320
Sub Total Revenue:		\$ -	\$ 185,582,320	\$ 185,582,320
Expense				
016-500141	Personal Services Non Classified	\$ -	\$ 1,799,074	\$ 1,799,074
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ -	\$ 20,732	\$ 20,732
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
037-500166	Technology - Hardware	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
038-500175	Technology - Software	\$ -	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ -	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
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Sub Total Expense:		\$ -	\$ 185,582,320	\$ 185,582,320

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of GO-NORTH, requests authorization to accept and expend the approximately \$256 million, which was the amount included in Rural Health Transformation Grant (RHTG) application submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Approval will allow GO-NORTH to avoid delays and work to begin on January 1, 2026, to reduce the likelihood of unspent federal funds. The final RHTG award will likely not be determined until late December and any funds included in this item in excess of that award will be written down. The Department is requesting authority to accept and expend the amount included in the RHTG application submitted to the CMS to avoid delays and allow GO-NORTH to immediately begin work on January 1, 2026. This is particularly important because the GO-NORTH has a limited time frame to spend the money and CMS has stated that unspent funds will be regularly reviewed and redistributed to other states. The RHTG is a five-year federal award beginning December 31, 2025, with authority to expend funds for up to six years, through September 30, 2031.

The Governor issued Executive Order 2025-06 on November 6, 2025, formally establishing the new office of GO-NORTH. As detailed in the Executive Order GO-NORTH, which is within the Governor's Office, will act as the lead agency overseeing New Hampshire's RHT program "Granite Strong. Future Ready." RHTG will be utilized to build a stronger, modernized, and more connected health care system that will:

- **Improve everyone's quality of life** through access to primary and preventative care, chronic disease management, maternal health care, behavioral health services, and oral health care;
- **Deepen partnerships** among healthcare and community organizations to coordinate resources and promote more integrated care;
- **Use innovative technology to make care easier to access** at home, in the community, and at the provider's office;
- **Strengthen the rural health workforce** by investing in recruitment, retention, and training and building career paths to encourage skilled providers to stay in rural New Hampshire; and
- **Promote financial sustainability** with new technology, operational efficiencies, and payment models to help rural providers adapt to changes and continue to serve their communities for years to come.

The Governor's Office and Department of Health and Human Services (Department) actively assessed the needs of rural health in the state by holding public engagement sessions with interested providers, collecting written responses through a formal Request for Information process, and holding one-on-one conversations with leadership from across rural New Hampshire. Based on the conversations and information collected, the state submitted its RHTG grant application to CMS on November 5, 2025.

While the final award and budget has not been finalized by CMS, the Department requests to budget funds as follows:

- Class 016 – Personal Services Non-Classified – To pay for non-classified staff salaries of GO-NORTH staff established pursuant to RSA 4:12 and Executive Order 2025-06.
- Class 020 – Current Expenses – To purchase necessary office supplies to carry out the grant.
- Class 030 – Equipment New/Replacement – To purchase office equipment to support the grant.
- Class 037 – Technology Hardware – To purchase computers and monitors for staff.
- Class 038 – Technology Software – Funding for the provision of all necessary software licenses.
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- Class 042 – Post Retirement - Post retirement is used to reimburse the general fund for payments for retiree health insurance.
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- Class 066 – Employee Training – To support staff in developing expertise needed to guide RHTP activities.

Class 070 – In State Travel Reimbursement - Local travel to attend meeting and project activities.

Class 074 – Grants for Pub Asst and Relief – Support payments to subrecipients that will be contractually required to carry out rural health transformation initiatives and projects as approved by CMS.

Class 080 – Out of State Travel – Out of State Travel required to attend anticipated required RHTG trainings.

Class 085 – Interagency Transfer Federal – (1) To reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for supporting services related to procurement, human resources, legal, facilities; and (2) To transfer funds to the NH Department of Education for implementation of school-based programming focused on physical activity and wellness

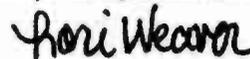
Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services - Contract payments to contractors providing direct services to GO-NORTH that support the rural health transformation statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds.

Upon receipt of the final award, GO-NORTH will submit an informational item to update the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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