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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, notwithstanding Manual of Procedure 150, to make unencumbered payments to a limited number of vendors for costs associated with unanticipated equipment or instrument repairs required for operation of the Public Health Laboratories, not to exceed \$155,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2029. 74% General Funds, 26% Other (Water Lab Fees) Funds.

Funds are available in the following accounts for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and are anticipated to be available in State Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the authority to adjust budget line items.

05-95-90-903010-79660000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES 100% General Funds

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Activity	Total Amount
2026	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90059000	\$25,000
2027	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90059000	\$27,500
2028	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90059000	\$30,000
2029	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90059000	\$32,500
			Subtotal	\$115,000

05-95-90-903010-18780000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, LAB EQUIPMENT FUND 100% Other (Water Lab Fees) Funds

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Activity	Total Amount
2026	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90187801	\$10,000
2027	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90187801	\$10,000
2028	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90187801	\$10,000
2029	024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	90187801	\$10,000
			Subtotal	\$40,000
			Total	\$155,000

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to ensure the timely repair of laboratory equipment and instruments utilized in the daily operations of the Department's Public Health Laboratories (PHL). The Department is requesting authority to pay for repairs on critical equipment and instruments as the need arises to maintain continuity in essential laboratory work and minimize downtime.

This request will allow various providers to service lab equipment on demand to minimize disruptions to essential PHL testing and work processes caused by unanticipated repair needs. These emergent needs are frequently outside of the scope of existing maintenance agreements and pose a risk to equipment, test samples, and timely public health results to PHL partners and the public. The equipment covered by this activity supports lab services that include public water testing, food testing, environmental testing for chemicals and biological pathogens, and clinical testing in support of infectious disease monitoring and emergency response.

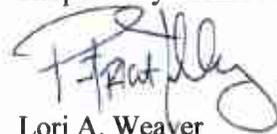
The Department will monitor the agreements by tracking vendor response times, effectiveness of repairs, costs for repairs, and review of repair reports to ensure completeness of service. The Department has attached Exhibit A to outline examples of potential providers and pieces of equipment that may require repairs.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the equipment listed in Exhibit A may not be repaired in a timely manner impacting the Department's ability to provide consistent test results and other lab services to New Hampshire citizens.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 74% General Funds and 26% Other (Water Lab Fees) Funds

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

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Exhibit A: List of Providers Performing Unanticipated Equipment and Instrument Repairs

Provider	Equipment and Instruments for Unanticipated Repair	Equipment and Instrument Description
Agilent	Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer	Analyzes volatile and semi-volatile chemicals in a sample
Agilent	Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometer	Analyzes metals in a sample
Agilent	Liquid Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer	Analyzes organic chemicals in a sample
American Instrument Exchange	Centrifuge	Separates components by their sedimentation rate
Biotage	Turbovap evaporator	Evaporates solvents in an inert environment
Biotage	Extractor	Extracts organic chemicals from water samples
CEM	Microwave Digestor	Digests food samples for subsequent analyte detection
FIALab	Inorganic Chemistry Analyzer	Analyzes inorganic chemicals in water samples
Getinge	Autoclave	Sterilizes biowaste and prepared media
Global Scientific	Analytical Balance	Measures out sample and reagent weight
Global Scientific	Microscope	Observes microscopic samples
Ichrome	Organic Chemistry Analyzer	Analyzes herbicides in water samples
Illumina	Whole Genome Sequencer	Analyzes nucleic acid sequence in sample
Lachat	Inorganic Chemistry Analyzer	Analyzes phosphorus in water samples
LAW Calibration	Temperature Reading Device	Calibrates temperature reading devices for accurate measurement
Life Technologies	Nucleic Acid Extractor Platform	Extracts nucleic acid from a clinical sample
Life Technologies	Polymerase Chain Reaction Instrument	Analyzes presence of an organism in a sample by nucleic acid PCR
Madgetech	Data Logger	Continuously collects temperature and/or pressure readings of an environment
Metrohm	Ion Chromatograph	Analyzes ions of interest in a sample
Mettler Toledo	pH Meter	Analyzes sample acidity or alkalinity
Peak Scientific	Nitrogen Generator	Generates nitrogen for clean background noise in mass spectroscopy
Pickering	Fluorescence Detector	Analyzes fluorescently tagged analyte of interest from LC
Qiagen	Nucleic Acid Extractor Platform	Extracts nucleic acid from a clinical sample
Qiagen	Polymerase Chain Reaction Instrument	Analyzes presence of an organism in a sample by nucleic acid PCR
R. A. Desmaris & Sons	Refrigerator and Freezer	Cold storage units for samples and reagents
Ranger Engineering	Autoclave	Sterilizes biowaste and prepared media
Remel	Sensititre Instrument	Analyzes antibiotic sensitivity in bacteria
SCIEX	Liquid Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer	Analyzes organic chemicals in a sample
Teledyne	Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Analyzer	Analyzes TOC in water samples
Teledyne	Mercury Analyzer	Analyzes mercury in water samples
ThermoFisher Scientific	Data Logger	Continuously collects temperature readings of an environment
ThermoFisher Scientific	Incubator	Grows bacterial cultures under appropriate temperature and atmospheric conditions
Troemner	Weights	Calibrates weights for accurate balance readings
Worcester Scale	Analytical Balance	Measures out sample and reagent weight