

New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

Gerard J. Boyle
Administrator

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June 23, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-M:11-a, XII(a) and (c), Additional Funding, authorize the YDC Settlement Fund to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$20,000,000, effective upon Governor and Council approval, through June 30, 2027. On June 19, 2026, the Fiscal Committee (FIS 26-118) approved an amended request for additional appropriations in the amount of \$20,000,000. **100% General Funds.**

Funding is budgeted as follows:

02-20-20-200010-68260000
YDC Settlement Fund

Class	Class Title	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
00S-000010	General Funds	\$40,177,470	\$20,000,000	\$60,177,470
	Total Revenue	\$40,177,470	\$20,000,000	\$60,177,470
018-500106	Overtime	\$40,398	\$0	\$40,398
020-500200	Current Expense	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
039-500189	Telecommunications	\$4,382	\$0	\$4,382
049-584910	Transfer to Other State Agencies	\$2,819,634	\$0	\$2,819,634
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$497,967	\$0	\$497,967
060-500601	Benefits	\$102,188	\$0	\$102,188
068-500561	Remuneration	\$33,022,020	\$20,000,000	\$53,022,020
233-500769	Litigation Expense	\$3,688,381	\$0	\$3,688,381
	Total Expenses	\$40,177,470	\$20,000,000	\$60,177,470

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EXPLANATION

Description of Expense Classes

Class 18 – Overtime – To fund the cost for overtime for Attorney General’s Office staff administering the YDC Settlement Fund

Class 20 – Current Expenses – For Attorney General’s Office program office supplies.

Class 39 – Telecommunications – To cover Attorney General’s Office telecommunication costs.

Class 49 – Transfer to Other State Agencies – To reimburse all administrative costs of the YDC Claims Administrator.

Class 59 – Temp Full Time – To cover cost of Attorney General’s Office staff salaries.

Class 60 – Benefits – To cover cost of Attorney General’s Office staff benefits.

Class 68 – Remuneration – Funds to be used for approved settlement payments.

Class 233 – Litigation Expense – To fund the cost of outside counsel for the Attorney General’s Office.

Statutory Context

The YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund statute provides funding to settle verified claims of abuse for eligible Former YDC Residents for abuse perpetrated by or at the behest of a member of YDC Staff. The statute was established with the following *Statement of Purpose*:

“The general court hereby finds that the attorney general's investigation into abuse at New Hampshire's youth development center in prior decades has identified a population of New Hampshire citizens with potential claims against the state. The state wishes to acknowledge those claims and the suffering which has been endured by the victims of abuse by establishing a trauma-informed, victim-centered alternative to litigation for the efficient and fair resolution of those claims.”

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- The statute “established in the state treasury the YDC settlement fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds” for the payment of settlement amounts paid to claimants as determined by the process approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee. 21-M:11-a, II.
- “The fund shall be administered by the attorney general, who shall use the funds for the purpose of administering claims of former YDC residents as defined in this section.” 21-M:11-a, II.

- “The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of justice until June 30, 2032, after which date, the fund shall lapse to the revenue stabilization reserve account established in RSA 9:13-e, II, unless earlier discontinued by the attorney general, in consultation with the administrator, or as otherwise provided by law.” 21-M:11-a, II.
- The statute “constitutes the state's offer to resolve completely and finally all of the former YDC resident's claims through the claims process established.” 21-M:11-a, VII(d). “[T]he administrator may not authorize more than \$75,000,000 in claims to be paid out from the fund in any given fiscal year, provided that the joint fiscal committee and governor and council may, upon the administrator's request, authorize the administrator to exceed this cap by expenditure of any additional funds available in the fund or by expenditure of funds not otherwise appropriated.” 21-M:11-a, XII(a).
- “If the administrator determines that a shortfall in the YDC settlement fund is likely to occur, the administrator, in consultation with the attorney general, shall request an appropriation of additional funds from the legislature.” 21-M:11-a, XIII.

Status of Appropriations for the YDC Settlement Fund

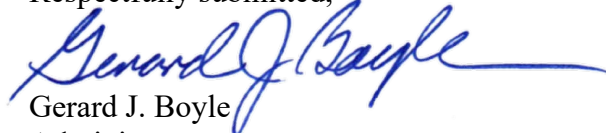
According to the Attorney General’s Office, the remaining balance of appropriated funds in the YDC Settlement Fund is \$18,164,474.44 as of May 1, 2026. Committed payouts for claims already resolved under the Fund total \$29,867,958¹ for the remainder of FY26 and all FY27. Including anticipated administrative costs of \$4,108,198, total projected expenses through the end of FY27 are \$33,976,156. Based on current appropriated funds, the account will be in arrears at the end of October 2026.

Funds for this item are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 068 – Remuneration – funds to be used for approved settlement payments

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrator

YDC Claims Administration & Settlement Fund

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June 19, 2026

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Dear Administrator Boyle,

The Fiscal Committee, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 21-M:11-a, XII(a) and (c), **amended** and approved the request of the New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated, **amended with a reduction down to the amount of \$20,000,000, from the \$55,000,000 requested**, through June 30, 2027, as specified in the request dated May 22, 2026.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael W. Kane

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Legislative Budget Assistant

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Attachment

Cc: Jacqueline Curran-Stuart, Senior Paralegal

New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

Gerard J. Boyle
Administrator

May 22, 2026

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