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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 \$2,500,000 to support the construction of the forensic psychiatric unit at New Hampshire Hospital, 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 00FRF602PH9535A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9535Z. 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	\$ 11,691,208	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 14,191,208
00C-401350-68	Agency Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 261,653	\$ -	\$ 261,653
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ 11,952,861	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 14,452,861
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	\$ 223,590	\$ -	\$ 223,590
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 3,780	\$ -	\$ 3,780
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	\$ 10,177,652	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 12,677,652
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 1,434,968	\$ -	\$ 1,434,968
	Total Expenses	\$ 11,952,861	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 14,452,861

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requests to accept and expend \$2,500,000 of ARPA SFRF funds to support the construction of the forensic psychiatric unit at New Hampshire Hospital. As articulated in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) item previously approved by the Fiscal Committee¹ and the Governor and Executive Council² the Forensic unit build was delayed due to design errors. The State settled with insurance carriers and after that settlement, the State is still in need of additional funding as a result of the delays and costs to correct the design errors. This action will not fully resolve the additional funding still needed from the settlement.

Approval of this request will allow the DHHS to accept the funds to allow DAS to amend the construction contract to add money towards the build to help ensure the construction is completed on time and on budget.

¹ Approved on November 21, 2025, FIS 25-282.

² Approved on December 3, 2025, Item #81.

Table #1 reflects the funding history associated with the forensic psychiatric unit construction.

<u>Table # 1</u>		
<u>Forensic Psychiatric Unit Construction Funding History</u>		
Action	Amount	Funding Source
Appropriation - Chp. 346: 357, Laws of 2019	\$8,750,000	General Funds
Appropriation - Chp. 91:414, Laws of 2021	\$30,000,000	General Funds
G&C Item #12 11/22/2022 & Fiscal FIS 22-386 11/18/22	\$757,045	Disproportionate Share Hospital Funds
Accept & Expend - G&C Item #6 5/31/23 & Fiscal Item FIS 23-175 (late item) 5/19/23	\$4,811,130	Federal ARPA SFRF
Accept & Expend - G&C Item #11 11/22/22 & Fiscal Item FIS 22-398 11/18/22	\$5,074,927	Federal ARPA SFRF
Accept & Expend - G&C Item #81 12/3/25 & Fiscal Item FIS 25-282 11/21/25	\$9,900,000	Agency Income
Accept & Expend - G&C Item #112 3/25/26 & Fiscal FIS 26-055 3/20/26	\$1,485,000	Federal ARPA SFRF
Total	\$60,778,102	
Request	\$2,500,000	Federal ARPA SFRF
Updated Total	\$63,278,102	
NOTE: ARPA SFRF funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.		

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services – Funds will be used to supplement the construction of the forensic psychiatric unit.

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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Commissioner