

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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August 26, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to amend an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch (NHJB) (Vendor Code #177872), Concord, NH by extending the completion date from September 30, 2026 to October 31, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$3,207,740, to perform a comprehensive statewide assessment of the security of the courts and make appropriate upgrades throughout, effective upon approval of Governor and Council. The original MOU was approved by Governor and Executive Council on March 13, 2024, Item #49 and amended on August 27, 2025, Item #42. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. **100% Federal Funds.**

EXPLANATION

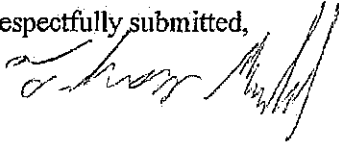
GOFERR requests to amend the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch (NHJB) to extend the completion date of this project. The extension of the completion date is necessary to allow NHJB to continue using the available balance for the purposes set forth below.

These funds are being used to complete a comprehensive assessment of the security risks at every court facility across the state. In initially securing this funding, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) had been in contact with the Department of Safety and the National Center for State Courts to gather initial information for the assessment. Based on the costs of similar assessments around the country, the NHJB estimated the cost at approximately \$40,000 per court facility. The NHJB has used these funds to make significant courthouse security upgrades across the State's courthouses where known vulnerabilities exist. Projects included the installation of magnetic security locks on courthouse and courtroom doors with remote locking capabilities, bulletproof glass enclosures for the entryways and windows to protect court security as they perform screening and to prevent further entry into the building by an active shooter, and an enhanced court security screening process, among other things. The NHJB has also used funds to begin implementing the recommendations of the security assessment. This one-month extension will provide the NHJB with the time needed to complete the remaining work on this project.

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In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds may be requested by the NHJB to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Director, GOFERR

State of New Hampshire
Amendment to Inter-Department Memorandum of Understanding

The State of New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and the New Hampshire Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) hereby mutually agree to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) previously entered into and signed by Governor and Council on March 13, 2024, Item #49, as amended as approved by Governor and Council on August 27, 2025, Item #42, to extend the deadline by one month for AOC to use these funds.

Wherefore the MOU is amended as follows:

1. Remove paragraph 3 of the MOU and replace with the following:

AOC agrees that any part of \$3,207,740 that is not obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by October 31, 2026 will lapse and return to the GOFERR SFRF fund.

Additionally, AOC understands that SFRF funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024. AOC agrees to meet with GOFERR on or before September 30, 2024 to assess the amount of funding used to date, the amount of funding remaining, and the anticipated expenses between September 30, 2024 and the closing date of this MOU of October 31, 2026. GOFERR reserves the right to require that funds anticipated to be unused be returned to GOFERR within 30 days of this meeting to allow for GOFERR to reallocate the funds before the December 31, 2024 deadline.

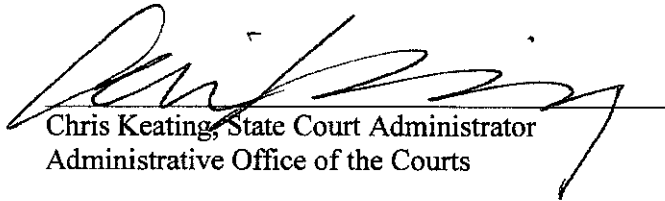
2. All other provisions of the MOU executed by the parties and signed by Governor and Council on March 13, 2024, as amended on August 27, 2025 shall remain in full force and effect.

Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery

Thomas Broderick

Date: 8/14/26

NH Judicial Branch


Chris Keating, State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Date: 8/13/2026

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Approved as to form substance and execution NH Department of Justice:

Christen Lavers

Date: 8/23/26

Signature

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Approved by New Hampshire Governor and Council

Date: _____