



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chair  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
And the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend in an amount not to exceed \$3,068,250 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for grants disbursed by GOFERR to support a Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program designed to help address workforce issues and overall restaurant safety challenges experienced by small, locally-owned restaurants across the State. This is an allowable use of ARP SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2022 in the following account:

<u>01-02-002-0202-24690000<sup>1</sup> ARP Grants and Disbursement</u>		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
040 – Indirect Costs	501587	\$652,500	\$65,250	\$717,750
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$99,831	\$3,000	\$102,831
042 – Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 – Grants Federal	500574	\$41,255,000	\$3,000,000	\$44,255,000
103 – Contracts for Op Services	502507	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$45,567,831</b>	<b>\$3,068,250</b>	<b>\$48,636,081</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>				
000 – Federal Funds	400338	\$45,567,831	\$3,068,250	\$48,636,081
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$45,567,831</b>	<b>\$3,068,250</b>	<b>\$48,636,081</b>

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0208A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0208Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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### **EXPLANATION**

Restaurants continue to bear a heavy burden due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Challenges include finding and retaining workforce, supply chain disruptions, and changes in consumer behavior and expectations. Coming into the slower “off-season,” with increasing COVID cases, these issues are likely to be amplified.

The State of New Hampshire seeks to continue to provide opportunities for long-term investments among smaller/independently-owned New Hampshire restaurants, as well as help challenges created by workforce shortages, consumer behavior, and overall restaurant safety.

GOFERR will facilitate this program in which local restaurants will submit an application and receive reimbursement of eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchases, up to a cap.

Examples of potentially eligible expenses for reimbursement include equipment or software to expand or adopt digital services such as online reservations, and host-less check in, at-table payment systems and menus that help provide more flexibility and increase capacity, HVAC system upgrades to improve COVID-19 mitigation, and more.

Funds are being budgeted in the classes listed below as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072 – Grants-Federal to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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