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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend \$2,146,950 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) in a new accounting unit, for the purpose of installing new air handlers and ductwork at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M), Concord, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are anticipated to be available in state fiscal year 2022 and 2023 with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

Funds are to be budgeted in a new accounting unit, ARP FRF Air Handler/Ductwork Replacement, Accounting Unit 02-46-46-460510-24XX0000 as follows:

Class	Description	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
040-501587	Indirect Costs	97,500	97,500	195,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	975	975	1,950
103-500736	Contract Repairs Buildings & Grounds	975,000	975,000	1,950,000
	Total Appropriations	1,073,475	1,073,475	2,146,950
000-400338	Federal Fund Revenue	(1,073,475)	(1,073,475)	(2,146,950)

**EXPLANATION**



Pursuant to US Treasury 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the ARP FRF allows New Hampshire State funding for improvements of ventilation

systems in congregate settings as a response to the public health emergency. The Department requests to accept \$2,146,950 in American Rescue Plan funding to be used to install new air handlers and ductwork in the Medium Custody North (MCN) and Medium Custody South (MCS) housing units at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M) in Concord.

Currently the systems are in need of repair and re-building due to the age of the systems and ductwork rusting through to the point of collapsing. Each housing unit is approximately 19,500 square feet that will need 18,851 square feet of new ductwork to be installed using the latest American National Standards Institute/American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ANSI/ASHRAE) standards to improve indoor air quality. This would parallel Standard 62.1-2019, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), which specifies minimum ventilation rates that are intended to provide IAQ that is acceptable to human occupants. The funding accounts for the cost of architecture and engineering design, drains, security controlled access and mobilization of materials and equipment.

Replacing the ductwork will improve the ventilation of the MCN and MCS housing units. When coupled with other CDC recommendations for correctional facilities, this improvement will aid to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in our NHSP-M facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
for  Helen E. Hanks  
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