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June 11, 2021

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

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend \$10,000,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) in a new accounting unit, to fund the Summer Stipend – Return to Work Bonus Program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in a new accounting unit, ARP FRF Summer Stipend Program, 02-027-027-270010-24XX0000 as follows:

02-027-027-270010-24XX0000 Employment Security- ARP Summer Stipend Funds			SFY 2022		
Class	Account	Class Description	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
000	400338	FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
TOTAL REVENUE:			\$0	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
102	500731	CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVI	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

EXPLANATION

NHES is requesting to accept and expend American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to support the Summer Stipend – Return to Work Bonus Program.

The Summer Stipend – Return to Work Bonus Program (“Summer Stipend Program”) was created by Governor Sununu on May 18, 2021 together with the announcement that New Hampshire would no longer continue to participate in the Federal bonus, expansion and extension programs for unemployment benefits

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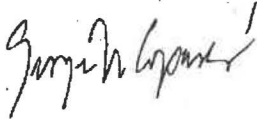
effective June 19, 2021. The purpose of the Summer Stipend Program is to incentivize individuals that were previously collecting unemployment benefits to return to and retain employment.

In order to be eligible an individual will need to have been collecting unemployment benefits as of May 18, 2021 or later and then return to either full-time or part-time employment and retain employment for eight (8) weeks. Individuals returning to full-time employment will receive a one-time \$1,000 bonus payment and individuals returning to part-time employment will receive a one-time \$500 bonus payment. The program will be administered through the state's unemployment insurance system as eligible individuals are already registered in that system, thus they already have system credentials and have also already created a payment process based upon their own preferences. Individuals are allowed to apply through the system after eight (8) weeks of not collecting unemployment benefits or if starting new part-time employment, after eight (8) weeks of reporting new part-time earnings.

Upon the completion of the eight (8) weeks, the individual will be prompted to return to the unemployment system and fill out the online application and to electronically upload paystubs to verify the eight (8) weeks of employment. Payments will then be issued by the system based upon the individual's payment preference.

Class 102 Contracts for Program Services – the funds will be used to support/track the payment of stipends under this program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George N. Copadis", written in a cursive style.

George N. Copadis
Commissioner

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