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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

July 30, 2021

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 Council
State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend \$505,505 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to fund the Housing Needs Administration Program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2022 as follows¹:

Table with 5 columns: Class, Account, FY22 Current Modified Budget, Requested Amount, FY22 Revised Budget. Rows include Expenditures (040-INDIRECT COSTS, 041-AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE, 042-ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS, 072-GRANTS FEDERAL, 103-CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES, Total Expenditures) and Revenue (000-FEDERAL FUNDS, Total Revenue).

1 All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0203A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0203Z. 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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Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside - .001 of federal funds payable to DAS for audit fees

Class 072 – Federal Grants for subawards

EXPLANATION

GOFERR is requesting to accept and expend of American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to support the Housing Needs Administration Program.

In November 2020, Governor Christopher T. Sununu, through Executive Order 2020-22, established a cross-sector Council on Housing Stability (Council). The Council was charged with developing and implementing a plan to create housing stability for all citizens of the State of New Hampshire. The Council developed a 3-year strategic plan and a 1-year action plan. See <https://nhchs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Council-on-Housing-Stability-2021%E2%80%942024-Strategic-Plan.pdf>.

The Housing Needs Administration Program will advance implementation of the strategic plan through 1) a grant to New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority to support the hiring of a project manager for 3 years to coordinate work across public and private entities and coordinate engagement with stakeholders (\$300,000), and 2) a grant to the Community Development Finance Authority to support continued use of consultants to advance Council work and coordinate implementation of the plan (\$200,000).

This item is **Sole Source** as NHHFA, as the sole statewide housing authority, is uniquely positioned to coordinate implementation of housing strategies across public and private entities and CDFFA, as a co-leader of the Council on Housing Stability, is uniquely positioned to direct the work of consultants to advance Council work and coordinate implementation of the plan.

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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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