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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court andHis Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$1,601,600 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), to support behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts. 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, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. **100% Federal Funds.**

05-095-094-940010-24650000¹ HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$33,035,413	\$1,601,600	\$34,637,013
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	\$33,035,413	\$1,601,600	\$34,637,013
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$0	\$1
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9511A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9511Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$30,892	\$1,600	\$32,492
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Grounds	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$19,378,043	\$1,600,000	\$20,978,043
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
Total Expenses		\$33,035,413	\$1,601,600	\$34,637,013

EXPLANATION

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) has awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funding in support of behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts. This multi-faceted program will boost behavioral health efforts by expanding implementation of policies, practices and programs that have been recommended through legislation, assessments and strategic planning reports including, but not limited to, Children's Behavioral Health System of Care, 10-Year Mental Health Plan, and Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Plan. While some of the components expand programs delivered to school-age population, the overall intention is to improve behavioral health and wellness throughout the lifespan through prevention and early intervention.

The purpose of this funding allocation is as follows:

Early Childhood Prevention and Treatment for Behavioral Health: Social and emotional development is the development of a young child to form close and secure relationships; experience, manage and express a full range of emotions; explore the environment and learn; all in the context of family, community and culture. Research shows that early connections last a lifetime and have a direct impact on mental well-being over the lifespan. Currently, Medicaid does not cover well documented services including: helping reduce familial stress, providing caregiver support with parenting & child development education and improving the child-caregiver relationship. Providing families with early supports and treatment will reduce the need for long-term use of intensive treatments for adolescence and adults; provide a network of supports for families to utilize can help address any presenting mental/behavioral concerns the young child is currently experiencing, address any caregiver mental/behavioral health concerns; provide evidenced-based treatment options, and parenting education and support; and, improve community understanding that infant and young children's mental health concerns are important to address and that services are available for all families to access.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Funds in class 041, Audit Fund Set Aside, for financial and compliance audits.

Funds in class 102, Contracts for Program Services, to work with providers support of behavioral health wellness, prevention and early intervention efforts

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds

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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. In accepting ARP FRF funds, the Department agrees to work collaboratively with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to ensure accurate and timely reporting to U.S. Department of Treasury on the use of the funds.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Shibinette', written over a horizontal line.

For

Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner