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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

May 25, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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  
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 funds in the amount of \$50,075,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to fund the County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council, through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF 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 FY2023 as follows:

01-02-002-020210-24690000 <sup>1</sup> ARP GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2023</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	\$735,250	\$2,500	\$737,750
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$132,161	\$50,025	\$182,186
042 - Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 – Grants to Local Govt'	500574	\$71,099,627	\$50,022,475	\$121,122,102
085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed F	588502	\$3,019,499	\$0	\$3,019,499

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0222A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0222Z. 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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103 - Contracts for Op Services	502664	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$78,547,037</b>	<b>\$50,075,000</b>	<b>\$128,622,037</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>				
000 -- Federal Funds	400338	\$78,547,037	\$50,075,000	\$128,622,037
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$78,547,037</b>	<b>\$50,075,000</b>	<b>\$128,622,037</b>

### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to fund a County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program, designed to help mitigate and prevent the spread of future COVID-19 outbreaks in county nursing home facilities, ensure facilities are safe for residents and their families, and help fund facility improvements, where the county is able to provide the majority of funding for an identified project.

Awards will be issued to fund capital improvements, building expansion, HVAC improvements, and renovations to help update and modernize outdated capital equipment, facilities, and buildings. Counties must contribute at least 60% of the project cost, with GOFERR providing ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to cover up-to the remaining 40%.

This program is open to all 10 counties in New Hampshire, and each county may only submit one application. In accordance with federal regulations, eligible projects will improve or expand existing facilities.

GOFERR plans two funding rounds, with the first being competitive and intended for shovel-ready projects (minimum requested award amount will be \$5 million). Not all eligible applications in Round 1 may receive funding, as Round 1 will largely be reserved for projects that may need a longer construction window to reach completion within ARPA deadlines, may be further along in project development, or the identified needs being addressed are more pressing or life threatening. A second round will be noncompetitive, be intended for projects resulting in a minimum award of \$1 million and focus on projects still in the early stages of development, in need of more time to prepare and submit an application, and for counties that need additional time to assess needs. Should funding be available for a second round, but eligible awards exceed available funds, grants would be issued on a pro rata basis.

Awards will be reviewed and approved by the Governor & Executive Council, and projects must comply with requirements established by ARPA SFRF guidance, such as any applicable procurement standards, fund usage timelines, and eligibility requirements.

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.

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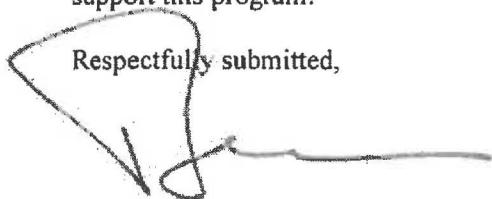
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Class 072 → Grants-Federal to provide funding to eligible program awardees

This request is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts and may meet criteria under other defined ARPA SFRF eligibility categories as well.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taylor Caswell', written over a large, faint, hand-drawn loop.

Taylor Caswell,  
Executive Director, GOFERR