REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, Acceptance of Non-General Funds, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Information Services, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $672,781 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the continued development of the Health Information Exchange effective upon date of Governor and Council approval through February 7, 2014. Funding Source: 100% ARRA Federal Funds.

2. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Information Services, to establish Class 046 consultant positions for the purpose of developing Health Information Exchange software and interfaces for health care providers effective upon the date of Governor and Council approval through February 7, 2014. Funding Source: 100% ARRA Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in the account titled:

05-95-95-954010-0917 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, HIE FEDERAL FUNDS

RSRC: 406519
Amount: $672,781

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman, and
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August 26, 2013
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**EXPLANATION**

This request is to accept additional federal funds in the amount of $672,781 available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Title XIII-Health Information Technology, Subtitle B-Incentives for the Use of Health Information Technology, Section 3013, State Grants to Promote Health Information Technology. Under the oversight of the United States Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, New Hampshire has been awarded funding through the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements Program to fund the planning and initial implementation of a state level Health Information Exchange capability for New Hampshire.

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court approved the original request to accept and expend federal funds under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements Program through SFY 2011. This request was subsequently approved by the Governor and Executive Council on March 24, 2010 (Item#65). The Office of Information Services requested continued federal funding in the SFY 2012 and 2013 biennial budget as approved by Chapter 223, Laws of 2011: HB 1. This current request is to continue federal funding through February 7, 2014.

Funding from the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program is for New Hampshire’s Health Information Exchange Planning and Implementation Project. This Project is a four-year initiative led by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to plan and implement a New Hampshire Health Information Exchange capability. The goal of the project is to establish a mechanism to electronically link health care providers in order to share patient-centric information in a timely, secure, and confidential manner. New Hampshire is well positioned to undertake this task, in that many New Hampshire providers are using electronic medical records, but lack the connectivity needed for the universal sharing of this information. Evidence suggests that such sharing shall improve health outcomes, reduce the rate of medical errors, and help to control health care costs.
Fiscal Situation:

Federal Awarding Agency: US, DHHS, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Total Grant Award Received for the Period:  
2/8/2010 thru 2/7/2014 $5,457,856

Federal Cash Expended & Obligated 2/8/2010 thru 6/30/2013 $4,785,075  
Balance Available SFY 2014 $672,781

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

1) List of personnel involved: Temporary Consultants.
2) Nature, Need and Duration: Temporary Consultants are needed through February 7, 2014 to assist health care organizations seeking to join the Health Information Exchange.
3) Relationship to existing agency programs: The Health Information Exchange Planning and Implementation Project are coordinating the state efforts to oversee the adoption of Health Information Technology by health care providers and the exchange of clinical data through a Health Information Exchange. It will also coordinate state agencies which use and are dependent upon the exchange of clinical health data, such as Medicaid and Public Health.
4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No.
5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? The Governor's instructions for the SFY 2014-2015 Biennial Budget directed departments not to included continued funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).
6) Can portions of the grant funding be utilized? No.
7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): Not Applicable.

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

William L. Baggsroyer  
Chief Information Officer/Director

Approved by:  
[Nicholas A. Toupas]  
Commissioner

The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.
NOTICE OF AWARD

Authorization: Legislation/Regulations
ARRA, Div A Approp, Subtitle B-IT Professionals in Health Care, Sec 3016
of the PHS

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes NNS Direct Assistance)

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15. PROGRAM INCOME SUBJECT TO 45 CFR Part 74, Subpart F, or 45 CFR 75.305, SHALL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

C.  

16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, HHS ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT. IT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Grant regulations specified above.
- Grant program regulations cited above.
- Other (if any, noted below)

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - Yes No)

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICER: Arlene M. Ramsey, Operations Division Director

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of National Coordinator for HIT (ONC)
ONC Office of Grants Management
200 Independence Avenue S.W. Suite 729-D
Washington, DC 20201
STANDARD TERMS

1. This revised Notice of Grant Award (NGA) is releasing funds in the amount of $4,015,569 based on documentation submitted by your organization in response to the Special Conditions of the award. It also reduces the cost share from $5,246,059 to $1,337,871 based on documentation received from grantees indicating that the non-federal amount previously reported was inaccurate. This reduction will not negatively affect the grantee’s ability to meet their programmatic requirements.

The total federal award amount is $5,457,856. Funds in the amount of $481,579 were expended in the planning phase. To date, all federal funds have been made available to your organization.

All indirect restricted cost have been reallocated to direct cost.

All other terms and conditions and Special Conditions remain unchanged and in full force and effect.