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May 28, 2019

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic Housing and Stability, to pay Sunrise County Economic Development, (Vendor #TBD), 7 Ames Way, Machias, ME 04654, membership dues in the amount of \$20,000, effective upon approval from the Governor and Executive Council through through December 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the following account in State Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020:

05-95-042-423010-7927 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS, HUMAN SERVICES, HOMELESS & HOUSING, HOUSING – SHELTER PROGRAM

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total
2019	026/500251	Membership Fees	45030231	\$183.77

05-95-045-450010-6125 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE, DIV OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total
2019	026/500251	Membership Fees	45030231	\$4,816.23

05-95-095-954010-5952 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INFORMATION SERVICE

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total
2019	026/500251	Membership Fees	45030231	\$5,000

05-95-045-450010-6127 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE, DIV OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total
2020	026/500251	Membership Fees	45030231	\$10,000
			TOTAL	\$20,000

EXPLANATION

Approval of this payment to Sunrise County Economic Council will allow the Department to receive technical assistance for the Whole Families Approach to Jobs Initiative. A Whole Family Approach to Jobs is a two-year initiative to help participating state leaders develop program, policy and system solutions that support parents in achieving greater employment gains and economic stability. Whole Families Approach to Jobs looks at the "cliff effect," which is the situation for a family when wages alone do not equally make up for the loss of public benefits for working families

The project brings together public and private sector stakeholders across workforce development, human services and education to identify policy opportunities, lessons learned and challenges faced by states seeking to implement whole-family approaches to economic opportunity that benefit parents and families who are low-income. Collaborative teams of multisector stakeholders are working together with support from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and in collaboration with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Region I. In New Hampshire, employers, parents, charitable foundations, health organizations, community agencies and other state agencies are involved in the initiative. By bringing together the organizations that have a stake in the health and prosperity of the mutual families we serve, coordinated policies and efforts can benefit all.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- 1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?**
 - A. Sunrise County Economic Council was founded in 1993 by a group of business and community leaders. This request, if approved, will pay the Department's initial membership fee through December 31, 2020.
- 2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?**
 - A. No.
- 3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?**
 - A. New England States are members. If this request is approved, the Department will be only New Hampshire state agency that is a member.
- 4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)**
 - A. The flat annual fee for New England states interested in joining this initiative as members is \$10,000/year, regardless of size of population, state budget, or other variable factors.
- 5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?**
 - A. Sunrise County Economic Council is the fiscal agent for the Whole Family Approach to Jobs Initiative. In this role they will provide, through a network of regional and national consultants skilled in this field, technical assistance to the State of New Hampshire related to the Whole Family Approach to Jobs Initiative and the support the work and research on the cliff effect working families can experience. This Initiative is a partnership between the State of New Hampshire, Region 1 Administration for Children and Families, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Technical assistance, as requested by DHHS, may include:
 - Planning and facilitation of multi-stakeholder meetings to identify and move

forward policies to improve outcomes for New Hampshire families.

- Research and analysis on policies related to benefits cliffs and other policies impacting families' opportunities to succeed in employment.
- Research and identification on model practices on the program or systems level.
- Identifying and making connections to national or regional expertise, as requested by the New Hampshire Whole Family Approach to Jobs team.
- Consultants on family engagement to assist within state and community agencies to assure consumer input into program and policy and to utilize family narrative to help inform innovation.
- Collaboration with other New England states on family policies and practices at the state and federal level.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

A. Training and educational/research materials are included in the cost of membership. Examples include: Reports from other jurisdictions undertaking projects and initiatives related to the Whole Families Approach effort.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

A. No – however, the state is able to access information and resources that support efforts to maximize state and federal resources and provide high quality services.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

A. No.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.

The Department will have three (3) representatives acting in various capacities:

- Christine Tappan, Associate Commissioner
- Christine Santaniello, Director, Division of Economic and Housing Stability
- Gene Patnode, Business and Industry Manager

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

A. Should Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, the Department will not have the necessary technical assistance to move forward with efforts to support the Whole Family Approach to Jobs Initiative and the work towards closing the cliff effect for families wanting to join the workforce.

Area Served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families CFDA # 93.558, FAIN# 18NHTANF.

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In the event that the 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 "Jeffrey A. Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner

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Sunrise County Economic Council

May 6, 2019

Chris Tappan
Associate Commissioner
Human Services & Behavioral Health
Department of Health & Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord NH 03301

Dear Ms. Tappan,

Sunrise County Economic Council is the fiscal agent for "A Whole Family Approach to Jobs," a New England initiative focused on improving outcomes for families through two-generation approaches.

The flat annual fee for New England states interested in joining this initiative as members is \$10,000, regardless of size of population, state budget, or other variable factors. The fee operates on a calendar year, from January 1 of a given year to December 31 of the same year.

States requesting to join the initiative as members may send a request to Sunrise County Economic Council requesting a membership fee invoice.

Sincerely,

Charles Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director
Sunrise County Economic Council

Sunrise County Economic Council

7 Ames Way
Machias, ME 04654

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/1/2019	237

Bill To
Department of Health & Human Services, NH 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Description	Qty	Amount
Whole Family to Jobs Membership Fcc		10,000.00
Total		\$10,000.00
Payments/Credits		\$0.00
Balance Due		\$10,000.00

Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Web Site
207-255-0983	207-255-4987	geyerman@sunrisecounty.org	www.sunrisecounty.org

Sunrise County Economic Council

7 Ames Way
Machias, ME 04654

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/28/2019	77

Bill To
Department of Health & Human Services, NH 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Description	Qty	Amount
Whole Family to Jobs 2020 Membership Fee		10,000.00
		Total \$10,000.00
		Payments/Credits \$0.00
		Balance Due \$10,000.00

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