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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) to accept and expend \$8,891,470 in Federal Funds from the United States Department of Education for the purpose of administering the CARES Act Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds, effective from the date of the Governor's approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

**CARES Act Governors Ed Fund**

Account: 06-56-56-562010-19120000  
Revenue Source Code: 400374

<b>Class/Object</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>FY 2020</b>
041/500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$	8,891
072/500577	Grants-Federal	\$	7,882,579
102/500731	Contracts for Program Svcs	\$	1,000,000
		\$	<b>8,891,470</b>

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### EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Education, through the New Hampshire Governor's Office, received a grant through new legislation, the CARES Act. This program allows the governor broad flexibility to expend funds to meet the pressing demands of New Hampshire's education systems created by the impact of COVID-19.

The Governor's funds under the CARES Act are to be used for emergency grants to New Hampshire education systems that are significantly impacted by the coronavirus as the Governor deems "essential for carrying out emergency educational services." LEAs, IHEs, and other education related entities can use these funds flexibly once received to provide educational services and to "support ongoing functionality." The state will not use the funds as replacement for its normal state aid formula. Instead, the state must decide which entities are most impacted by coronavirus, or are essential for carrying out emergency educational services, and allocate the funds there.

### APPROPRIATION EXPLANATION

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
041	Audit Fund Set Aside	Appropriation is based on .1 percent of the grant.
072	Grants - Federal	Appropriation for the distribution of funds to grant sub-recipients.
102	Contracts for Program Services	Appropriation to contract with providers of evaluation and other services, technical assistance and trainings.

In the event Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program. Attached are copies of the grant awards.

Respectfully submitted,



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