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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, 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

Informational Item

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Order 2020-05 and further extended by Executive Order 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to accept and expend Child Welfare Services, title IV, Part B, Subpart 1 Grant Program funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$137,578 and allocate these funds in the accounts below through June 30, 2021.

05-95-42-421010-29670000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD PROTECTION, CHILD WELFARE SERVICE IV-B

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-403875	Federal Funds	\$ 469,352	\$ 137,578	\$ 606,930
	General Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue:		\$ 469,352	\$ 137,578	\$ 606,930
Expense				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 411	\$ 138	\$ 549
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 468,941	\$ 137,440	\$ 606,381
Total Expense:		\$ 469,352	\$ 137,578	\$ 606,930

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept the additional grant funds available for SFY 2020 to administer the title IV, Part B, Subpart 1, Sections 421- 425 and Section 428, of the Social Security Act (the Act) under Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These special funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) coronavirus, consistent with the statutory program purposes of title IV-B, subpart 1, as described in section 421 of the Act, as follows:

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...to promote State flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe loving families, by (1) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; (2) preventing the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children; (3) supporting at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; (4) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and (5) providing training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

The notice of grant award was received in April 2020.


Funds are being budgeted in Contracts for Program Services (Class 102) to provide grant money to New Hampshire programs to carry out the objectives of the title IV-B program. Funds are also being budgeted for Audit costs (Class 041) per state requirements.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds.

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,


for
Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner