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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 (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) to accept and expend carryover funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), entitled *New Hampshire Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Case Registry Project*, to implement recommendations of the SUID/SDY case review committees as per RSA 132:41, resulting in reduced deaths of infants, children, and young adults in the amount of \$53,300 effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-90-902010-5906 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES, SUID CASE REGISTRY  
SFY 23**

| Class/Object          | Class Title           | Current Modified Budget | Increase (Decrease) Amount | Revised Modified Budget |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 000-408192-16         | SUID Case Registry    | \$38,265                | \$53,300                   | \$91,565                |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  |                       | <b>\$38,265</b>         | <b>\$53,300</b>            | <b>\$91,565</b>         |
| 020-500200            | Current Expenses      | \$2,400                 | \$21,000                   | \$23,400                |
| 037-500173            | Technology-Hardware   | \$0                     | \$6,000                    | \$6,000                 |
| 038-500177            | Technology-Software   | \$0                     | \$1,000                    | \$1,000                 |
| 039-500188            | Telecommunications    | \$700                   | \$300                      | \$1,000                 |
| 041-500801            | Audit Fund Set Aside  | \$65                    | \$0                        | \$65                    |
| 070-500704            | In-State Travel       | \$7,000                 | \$0                        | \$7,000                 |
| 080-500710            | Out-of-State Travel   | \$3,100                 | \$0                        | \$3,100                 |
| 085-588520            | Interagency Transfers | \$25,000                | \$25,000                   | \$50,000                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |                       | <b>\$38,265</b>         | <b>\$53,300</b>            | <b>\$91,565</b>         |

**EXPLANATION**

This request is being made to accept grant funds for SFY 2023 to administer and implement the New Hampshire SUID/SDY Program requirements. These funds are being carried forward from previous grant periods and being made available for use in the next grant period.

The New Hampshire SUID/SDY Program is required by RSA 132:41 to review all sudden and unexpected deaths for infants, children, and young adults. The SUID/SDY review committee is comprised of various stakeholders from across the state. The SUID/SDY committee reviews all cases that meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria. The goal of the case reviews is to identify areas to reduce infant and child mortality and morbidity. During case reviews the committee makes recommendations, based off each case, to identify strategies for decreasing infant and child mortality. Funds are being added to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Memorandum of Understanding to support a continuous recommendation of advanced genetic testing for all SUID/SDY cases. Identifying these genetic disorders is necessary to help prevent surviving family members from sudden and unexpected death. Additional genetic information will allow the SUID/SDY review committee to have a more accurate medical explanation when reviewing the cases. The OCME will implement this advanced genetic testing at the time of autopsy, and present genetic findings at case reviews.

In addition, funds will be spent on purchasing safe sleep educational materials for the SUID/SDY program to provide to pregnant or new parents when promoting safe sleep for infants.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 020 These funds will be used to support safe sleep promotion in NH. These funds will be used to purchase safe sleep material such as sleep sacks, safe sleep board books, and other materials to support safe sleep.
- Class 037 These funds will be used to purchase a new computer for the SUID/SDY Program Coordinator.
- Class 038 These funds will be used to purchase software for the SUID/SDY Program Coordinator.
- Class 039 These funds will be used for telecommunications and data costs to cover the monthly cost of a cell phone for the SUID/SDY Program Coordinator.
- Class 085 A contract amendment will be done with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for advanced genetic testing.

In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?" the Division offers the following information: The funds are provided for a specified purpose by the CDC as defined in the Notice of Grant Award and cannot be used to offset general funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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

Respectfully submitted,



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**AWARD HISTORY**

SUID/SDY  
AU 59060000

|          |  |                   |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID and Sudden Death in the Young (SDY)<br>1 NU38DP000012<br>Expanded Authority allowed |                   |
| <b>B</b> | Award Ending 9/29/2019<br>1 NU38DP000012-01-00 Year 1  | 59,900            |
|          | Award Ending 9/29/20<br>1 NU38DP000012-02-00 Year 2  | 60,883            |
|          | 1 NU38DP000012-02-01 Year 2-Authorized Carry over  | 12,951            |
|          | Award Ending 9/29/21<br>1 NU38DP000012-03-00 Year 3  | 65,010            |
|          | Award Ending 9/29/22<br>1 NU38DP000012-04 Year 4   | 65,004            |
| <b>C</b> | Expended through 6/30/21   | 105,019           |
| <b>D</b> | Unobligated Balance Unable to Spend  | -                 |
| <b>E</b> | Award Balance 7/1/22   | <b>\$ 368,767</b> |
| <b>F</b> | SFY 22 Appropriation **  | (38,265)          |
| <b>G</b> | Balance Forward  | (34,689)          |
| <b>H</b> | Available to Accept in SFY 23  | 295,813           |
| <b>I</b> | Amount Requested this Action   | <u>53,300</u>     |

**\*\* SFY 22 Appropriation**

|          | 010-090-08360000 | Current       | OYR      | Total          | This Action   | Revised Budget |
|----------|------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>J</b> | <b>PRAMS</b>     | 38,265        | 34,689   | 72,954         | 53,300        | 126,254        |
|          |                  | -             |          | -              |               |                |
|          | Total            | <u>38,265</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>34,689</u>  | <u>72,954</u> | <u>53,300</u>  |
|          |                  |               |          | <u>126,254</u> |               |                |