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August 8, 2019

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

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Education to accept and expend a stipend to the Department of Education's United States Senate Youth Program in the amount of \$1,000 from The Hearst Foundations, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Private Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

## Senate Youth Program Funds

Account: 06-56-56-560510-39100000

Class/Object	Description	FY 20 Adj.	This Request	New
		Authorized		FY 20 Adj.
				Authorized
005-407991	Private Local Funds	\$(804)	\$(1,000)	\$(1,804)
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$300	\$300	\$600
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$359	\$400	\$759
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$144	\$300	\$444
	Total:	\$804	\$1,000	\$1,804

## **EXPLANATION**

The Department of Education requests authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$1,000 from The Hearst Foundations to support selection expenses of the US Senate Youth Program (USSYP). In March of each year, this extremely competitive merit-based program

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brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students - two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity - to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it.

The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates a more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service. These funds will be used to help support the many aspects of the selection of New Hampshire's Student Delegates.

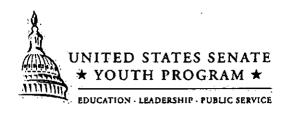
The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 020 Current Expenses Class 021 Food Institutions Class 070 In-State Travel Appropriation needed to support the delegate selection process Appropriation needed to assist with meal costs for NH delegates Appropriation needed to support NH student delegate travel

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut

Commissioner of Education



July 8, 2019

Ms. Lori Kincaid Program Specialist 101 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301

Dear Lori:

We are delighted to be working with you on the selection process for the 58<sup>th</sup> annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) that will take place March 7 – 14, 2020. The outstanding young people you select will have an experience of a lifetime through the educational week they spend in Washington, D.C. Enclosed is a copy of the 57<sup>th</sup> annual program yearbook that will give you an indepth look at the program we held this past March.

Thank you for submitting your Statement of Participation. The next deadline is December 1, 2019 when we look forward to receiving the names of the two student delegates and alternates from your state. During the summer, we hope you will post the PDF of the 2020 official program brochure to your website, if you have not done so already, to help promote the program throughout your state. If you have a Facebook and Twitter option to announce the 2020 program and post or link to the 2020 brochure, please do so!

Please find the enclosed \$1,000 stipend check to support your state selection process. Please make sure to cash this check as soon as possible

The 2020 USSYP Public Affairs Examination is also enclosed with Answer Sheet and Grading Guide included. All or any part of the examination may be administered to the USSYP candidates for your state at your discretion. However, we do encourage you to develop a qualitative application process in addition to administering the exam. A comprehensive application packet including confirmation of the student's leadership position, essays and letters of reference, are recommended as a first step in your review of applicants before employing the exam. The exam alone will not provide the best measure of a student's overall qualifications for the program. The goal is to select qualified students who are knowledgeable as well as confident, truly passionate about government and history and capable and articulate communicators. We ask that you please be extremely vigilant in ensuring that the exam does not get posted or distributed IN ANY WAY.

Your dedication to the selection of program delegates is greatly appreciated by the Senate and by all of us at The Hearst Foundations. The students you select for the program are truly inspiring representatives of their state and communities – and are America's future leaders.

Please call or email us if we may assist you in any way. Otherwise, you can keep an eye out for an email in October with the instructions you will need to submit your delegate and alternate selection confirmation forms online (due by December 1, 2019).

With best wishes for a great summer.

Rayne Guilford Program Director

Enclosures: 2019 USSYP Yearbook

2020 Program Qualifying Exam and Grading Guides

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