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October 31, 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 to make a **retroactive** payment to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), 2231 Crystal Ave., Suite 450, Arlington, VA 22202; (Vendor #168523), in the amount of \$20,700 for the annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 50% Federal Funds and 50% General Funds.

Funds are available in the following account:

05-95-90-900010-51100000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
SFY 2020	026/500251	Organizational Dues	90072000	\$20,700
			Total	\$20,700

EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive as the funds to support this membership were not available during the continuing resolution.

Funds are requested to pay annual membership dues with ASTHO. The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is the national nonprofit organization representing the state public health agencies. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has a dual mission: to assist state health departments in the development and implementation of programs and policies to promote health and prevent disease, and to serve as a conduit for the state discussions and policy development with federal partners.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for the Governor and 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?

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials was incorporated on March 23, 1942 and the Department of Health and Human Services has been associated with this organization since March 1942.

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2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

No

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

All 50 States, 6 U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. Yes, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services is the only state agency that is a member of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials membership dues are population based; there has been an increase of \$1,900.00 in membership dues this year, which represents a 10% increase for all member organizations.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides staff to advocate in Washington, DC for national issues of public health significance. For small states such as New Hampshire that do not have a Washington, DC office, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials legislative staff provide timely briefings to state health officials on congressional activities, and non-partisan advocacy on public health issues such as funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Immunization, maternal and child health as well as chronic diseases. Given that more than half of the public health operating budget comes from federal sources, the Department's participation with Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is vital to maintain our ability to continue to receive Federal grants and funding for these programs.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials plays a key role as a coordinating entity and an information clearinghouse regarding Federal budget and legislative changes.

Association of Territorial Health Officials advocates for the inclusion of health promotion and disease prevention concepts and philosophy in the health care discussion at the national level. They have been instrumental in bringing members of congress and the federal government consolidated information from the states regarding successful implementation of population based approach and its positive impact on quality of health care delivery while controlling costs.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides technical support and helps NH apply for and obtain private foundation grants that are helping the agency in the development and implementation of its strategic priorities as stated by the NH Public Health Improvement Council.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides resources and technical support to assist the Department in various operational aspects including consultation on

financing, organization, workforce development, and how best to use information technology to achieve programmatic goals at a reasonable cost.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides resources to assist DHHS in responding rapidly to new and emerging issues of regional and national importance, such as Ebola, Zika, H7N9 and the Coronavirus, which has the potential to become the new SARS epidemic. When these issues arise, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides coordination between various Federal agencies, and convenes State Health Departments to assure information sharing, streamlined communication, and a coordinated response.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials serves as a clearinghouse for state public health agencies to confidentially share best practices with each other. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials also serves as a clearinghouse for public health information and statistics.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has served as the conduit for the development of a strong partnership between the regional Public Health directors; the group holds weekly conference calls and has regular discussions with the regional federal assignees.

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

The Division of Public Health Services receives numerous educational and research materials from ASTHO and the cost is included in the membership. Federal grants are received by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to provide the states with training that far exceeds any training that are provided for at the same state level.

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

No.

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.

Yes, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials cover all costs for the Director and other staff members of the Division of Public Health Services to attend ASTHO Meetings throughout the year.

Should Governor and Executive Council not authorize this Request, all of the services provided by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, as detailed above, will not be available to the Department of Health and Human Services here in New Hampshire.

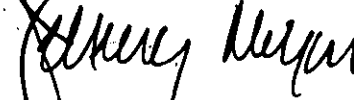
Area served: statewide.

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Source of Funds: Source of Funds is 50% Federal Funds from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and 50% General Funds.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, additional General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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INVOICE# 070119-NH

INVOICE DATE: MAY 30, 2019

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
ASTHO Annual Dues for the Period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	\$20,700

INVOICE TOTAL

\$20,700

REMITTANCE

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
2231 Crystal Drive
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Attn: Membership Dues

Payment Due: June 30, 2019

Tax ID # 35-1044487

DUNS: 10-673-5830

ASTHO POPULATION BASED DUES STRUCTURE

The July 2019 - June 2020 Dues Cycle

2019 - 2020 Dues Cycle Increased by 10%.

<u>Population Level</u>	<u>Rates for 2019 - 2020</u>	
Territories-A*	\$4,400	
Territories-B**	\$9,700	
Up to 2,000,000	\$20,700	
Up to 3,000,000	\$23,800	
Up to 4,000,000	\$26,400	
Up to 5,000,000	\$29,500	
Up to 6,000,000	\$32,100	
Up to 7,000,000	\$35,200	
Up to 11,000,000	\$43,600	
Over 11,000,000	\$46,600	
* Territories of American Samoa, Federated State of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands		
** Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands		
This increase is rounded to the nearest \$100.		

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May 30, 2019

Kelly Bogert
New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services

Dear Ms. Bogert:

Thank you for your membership in the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). We are looking forward to a busy 2019/2020 membership year and continuing to serve your agency as your partner and voice in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, GA, and across the country. I hope you continue to see value in your ASTHO membership: we are here for you and your agency's health leadership as your advocate and resource.

ASTHO has a population-based member dues structure³³, and dues are assessed annually. The population information used for this dues cycle (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) to determine the appropriate dues level comes from the U.S. Census Bureau³⁴. Additionally, members were informed last Fall of a 10% dues increase for the 2019/2020 membership year, which was approved by ASTHO's Assembly of Members on September 26, 2018. Your agency's 2019/2020 membership dues are \$20,700. A dues structure chart and your invoice are attached.

We thank you for your continued support of ASTHO and the vital public health activities being carried out by you and your colleagues. We all look forward to another very exciting year at ASTHO and hope you can continue to be engaged with us and your colleagues across the country.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or feedback to share with me about ASTHO's value to your agency, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience via email at mfraser@astho.org or give me a call at 202-371-9090.

Sincerely,



Michael Fraser, PhD, MSMSL, CAE, FCPP
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 2019/2020 ASTHO Dues Invoice
Dues Structure Chart

Copy: Lisa Morris, MSSW, Director, Division of Public Health Service
Patricia Tilley

³³ A table with the population-based member dues structure is attached.

³⁴ Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2018 (NST-EST2018-01). Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. Release Date: 12/2018.