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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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September 8, 2021

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to accept and expend in an amount not to exceed \$12,580,068 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to grant funds for a matching grant program for towns and municipalities, which will be allowed for reimbursement for safety and emergency equipment investments that are allowable expenses under the ARPA SFRF. This is an allowable use of ARP SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023.
100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2022 in the following account:

<u>01-02-02-020210-24690000¹ ARP Grants and Disbursement</u>		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
EXPENDITURES				
040 – Indirect Costs	501587	\$32,500	\$567,500	\$600,000
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$61,213	\$12,568	\$73,781
042 – Additional Fringe Benefits	500620	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
072 – Grants Federal	500574	\$3,255,000	\$12,000,000	\$15,255,000
103 – Contracts for Op Services	502507	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$6,909,213	\$12,580,068	\$19,489,281
SOURCE OF FUNDS				

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0206A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0206Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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000 – Federal Funds	400338	\$6,909,213	\$12,580,068	\$19,489,281
TOTAL REVENUE		\$6,909,213	\$12,580,068	\$19,489,281

EXPLANATION

Using its State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars, the State will issue grants to towns and municipalities throughout the state up to \$50,000 for reimbursement of safety and emergency equipment investments that are allowable expenses under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. This matching grant program is designed to assist the State's cities and towns as they continue to respond to the pandemic and related public safety challenges.

GOFERR will facilitate this program for local governments, which will also require them to contribute at least 10 percent toward the cost of the safety or emergency equipment. This will result in a 90/10 split for equipment purchases up to the maximum state share of \$50,000.

Localities must proactively apply for grants in this program, which will be paid on a reimbursement basis when the expense or expenses have been incurred or the funds obligated through a purchase order or something similar.

Funds are being budgeted in the classes listed below as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072 – Grants-Federal to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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