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

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October 1, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court, and

  
Approved by Fiscal Committee 11/19/14 Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Acceptance of Non-General Funds, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families, to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$333,801.00 effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2015, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the following account(s) for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, with authority to adjust between fiscal years, if needed and justified:

05-95-42-421010-89030000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: CHILDREN AND YOUTH, CHILD PROTECTION, ADOPTION TRAUMA GRANT

Class/Object SFY 2015	Class Title	Current Authorized	Increase/(Decrease) Amount	Revised Authorized
000-403506	Federal Funds	\$330,663.70	\$333,801.00	\$664,464.70
	General Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Revenue		\$330,663.70	\$333,801.00	\$664,464.70

Class/Object	Class Title			
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ 129.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 463.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$330,534.70	\$333,467.00	\$664,001.70
Total Expense		\$330,663.70	\$333,801.00	\$664,464.70

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### EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families seeks approval to accept and expend in SFY 2015 Adoption Opportunities grant funds in the amount of \$333,801.00 from the federal Administration for Children and Families. This request represents the second year of a multi-year grant award (September 30, 2013 – September 29, 2018). The remaining funds from this Notice of Award will be budgeted in SFY 2016 during the SFY 2016 - 2017 budget process. A copy of the Notice of Award is attached.

The federal Administration for Children and Families requires that these funds must be used to improve the social and emotional well-being and restore the developmentally appropriate functioning of targeted children and youth in child welfare systems that have mental and behavioral health needs. In particular, these grants, in the form of cooperative agreements, are designed to:

- Assist public welfare agencies, through interagency collaboration, in improving child well-being, adoption and post-adoption outcomes by creating a flexible service array that provides early access to effective mental and behavioral health services that match the needs of the children, youth and families in the service population;
- Support the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated approach to evidence-based or evidence-informed screening and assessment of mental health and behavioral health needs and the use of functional outcome orientation case planning to ensure those needs are met;
- Support service array reconfiguration approaches at the child and system level that are aligned and responsive to the screening and functional assessment data while simultaneously targeting and de-scaling practices and services that are not effective; and/or do not meet the assessed needs of the target population;
- Identify factors and strategies associated with successful installation, implementation, and sustainability of service system changes; and
- Evaluate the effect of implemented system changes on safety, permanency, well-being, adoption, and cost outcomes for children overall and for particular subgroups.

Through a cooperative agreement New Hampshire will improve the mental and behavioral health needs of children and youth in the child welfare system. This in turn should decrease the amount of time that children and youth spend in the child welfare system, and it should help stabilize adoptions.

Class 041 The funds will be used to pay audit set aside expenses.

Class 102 The funds will be used to contract with an agency to supply the services listed above.

Should the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council determine not to approve this request, it will result in the loss of much needed resources to meet the needs of our pre and post-adoptive population. Children who are in need of adoptive placements from our child welfare system have experienced significant trauma, typically complex trauma, prior to entering state care. The uncertainties of foster care can exacerbate the trauma children have experienced through abuse and neglect and create poor well-being outcomes. Children with abuse and neglect histories need specific evidenced based treatment to overcome their past experiences and adoptive parents need special interventions to address the family systems changes which must be in place in order to successfully parent children with trauma histories.

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New Hampshire currently has more children who are waiting for adoptive placements than we have families who can accommodate these children. Without this contract New Hampshire will continue to have a lack of pre-adoptive families that can meet the needs of the waiting children. New Hampshire will continue to have placement disruptions in foster homes and a decline in the well-being outcomes of adopted children. If this request is not approved, New Hampshire will miss the opportunity to improve the well-being outcomes of children adopted from the child welfare system, increase the number of adoptive homes in our state, increase the numbers of children adopted from foster care and will lose out on the opportunity to impact the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in our system.

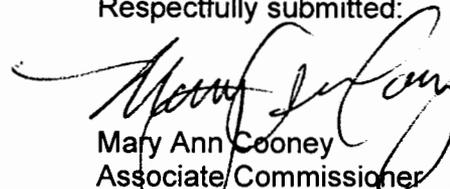
In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset general funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting general funds?" DCYF offers the following information: these federal funds cannot be used to offset general funds, as they are restricted to the activities referenced herein. Should this request be denied, the funds in question must be returned to the federal government.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal.

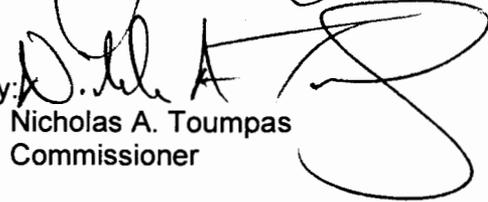
If the federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Ann Cooney  
Associate Commissioner

Approved By:



Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner

Enclosure

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
NOTICE OF AWARD**

SAI NUMBER:

PMS DOCUMENT NUMBER:

<b>1. AWARDING OFFICE:</b> ACYF - Children's Bureau		<b>2. ASSISTANCE TYPE:</b> Coop Agreement	<b>3. AWARD NO.:</b> 90CO1115-02-00	<b>4. AMEND. NO.</b> 0
<b>5. TYPE OF AWARD:</b> Other		<b>6. TYPE OF ACTION:</b> Non-Competing Continuation		<b>7. AWARD AUTHORITY:</b> 42 USC 5101 ET SEQ
<b>8. BUDGET PERIOD:</b> 09/30/2014 THRU 09/29/2015		<b>9. PROJECT PERIOD:</b> 09/30/2013 THRU 09/29/2018		<b>10. CAT NO.:</b> 93.652
<b>11. RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION:</b> New Hampshire Dept of Health & Human Services 129 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301-3852 Grantee Authorizing Official: John Harrington			<b>12. PROJECT / PROGRAM TITLE:</b> New Hampshire Adoption, Preparation and Preservation Project	

<b>13. COUNTY:</b> Merrimack	<b>14. CONGR. DIST:</b> 02	<b>15. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR PROGRAM DIRECTOR:</b> Valerie Brown
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<b>16. APPROVED BUDGET:</b>		<b>17. AWARD COMPUTATION:</b>	
Personnel.....	\$ 0.00	A. NON-FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$ 0.00 0%
Fringe Benefits.....	\$ 0.00	B. FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$ 445,069.00 100%
Travel.....	\$ 0.00	<b>18. FEDERAL SHARE COMPUTATION:</b>	
Equipment.....	\$ 0.00	A. TOTAL FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$ 445,069.00
Supplies.....	\$ 0.00	B. UNOBLIGATED BALANCE FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$ 0.00
Contractual.....	\$ 445,069.00	C. FED. SHARE AWARDED THIS BUDGET PERIOD...	\$ 0.00
Facilities/Construction.....	\$ 0.00	<b>19. AMOUNT AWARDED THIS ACTION:</b>	
Other.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 445,069.00	
Direct Costs.....	\$ 445,069.00	<b>20. FEDERAL \$ AWARDED THIS PROJECT PERIOD:</b>	
Indirect Costs.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 867,318.00	
At % of \$		<b>21. AUTHORIZED TREATMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME:</b>	
In Kind Contributions.....	\$ 0.00	Additional Costs	
Total Approved Budget.....	\$ 445,069.00	<b>22. APPLICANT EIN:</b> 026000618	<b>23. PAYEE EIN:</b> 1026000618B3
		<b>24. OBJECT CLASS:</b> 41.45	

<b>25. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</b>						DUNS 011040545
ORGN	DOCUMENT NO.	APPROPRIATION	CAN NO.	NEW AMT.	UNOBLIG.	NONFED %
	90CO111502	75141536	4-G998016	\$445,069.00		

**26. REMARKS: (Continued on separate sheets)**

Grantee assumes complete responsibility for the administration and accountability for all funds received under this award. Grantee has not listed any Federal funds under personnel line item.

<b>27. SIGNATURE - ACF GRANTS OFFICER</b> Daphne Weeden	<b>DATE:</b> 07/26/2014	<b>28. SIGNATURE(S) CERTIFYING FUND AVAILABILITY</b> Rosa Trent	<b>DATE:</b> 07/17/2014
<b>29. SIGNATURE AND TITLE - PROGRAM OFFICIAL(S)</b> Mr. Mark H Greenberg - Acting Commissioner		<b>DATE:</b> 07/24/2014	

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**Reporting Requirements**

1. Starting with awards issued in fiscal year 2013, ACF will require use of the SF-428 (Tangible Personnel Property Form) and the SF-429 (Real Property Status Report). The reporting frequency will be on an annual basis at the end of each fiscal year. If the report is not applicable, submission is not required. Fillable forms are available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms>

**STANDARD TERMS**

1. Paid by DHHS Payment Management System (PMS). This award is subject to the requirements of the HHS Grants Policy Statement (HHS GPS) that are applicable to you based on your recipient type and the purpose of this award. This includes requirement in Parts I and II of the HHS GPS. Although consistent with the HHS GPS, any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, including 45 CFR Part 74 or 92, directly apply to this award apart from any coverage in the HHS GPS. This award is subject to requirements or limitations in any applicable Appropriations Act. This award is subject to the requirements of Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104). For the full text of the award term, go to the <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/discretionary-competitive-grants>. This grant is subject to the requirements set forth in 43 CFR Part 87. This award is subject to the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA or Transparency) of 2006 subaward and executive compensation reporting requirements. Initial expenditure of funds by the grantee constitutes acceptance of this award.