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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, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to fund the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program in the amount of \$46,166 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.

05-95-90-902010-70480000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES, PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE

SFY 2022

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400146-16	Federal Funds	\$556,865	\$46,166	\$603,031
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$556,865	\$46,166	\$603,031
020-500200	Current Expense	\$3,981	\$0	\$3,981
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$1,270	\$0	\$1,270
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$300	\$0	\$300
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$995	\$46	\$1,041
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$4,911	\$0	\$4,911
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$55,556	\$0	\$55,556
060-500601	Benefits	\$40,225	\$0	\$40,225
070-500707	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
080-500717	Out-of-State Travel Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$447,627	\$46,120	\$493,747
Total Expenses		\$556,865	\$46,166	\$603,031

EXPLANATION

The NH Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) Program is a federal-state-local partnership designed to improve NH children's access to mental health care services. This program has recently been approved by HRSA to carryforward unobligated funds from the previous federal fiscal year. These funds will allow the program to accomplish additional project activities that were not able to be completed in federal fiscal year 3 of this grant project period September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021. The carryover of this federal funding is reflective of the demonstrated need for expanded access to mental health care for underserved areas in the state for which the PMHCA Program is utilizing the Project ECHO model to increase NH pediatric primary care provider knowledge and confidence in treating children with mental health conditions within their own practice.

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an evidenced-based all-teach all-learn method that uses teleconferencing technology to establish a learning community. The technology connects expert specialist teams at an academic 'hub' with primary care clinicians in local communities (in this case pediatric mental health specialists to pediatric primary care providers) to enhance the care that is provided in general practices. During ECHO sessions, practices participate in a 15-20 minute didactic presentation from established faculty experts on set curriculum objectives and they also will present a case study and receive feedback and recommendations from both faculty and their peers.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 041 The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.
- Class 102 The funds will be used to support a one-day conference/learning opportunity for NH School Nurses and School-Based Mental Health Professionals as well as a continuation of UNH's pediatric mental health claims data analysis project which will provide additional analyses focused on pediatric care, prescribing patterns, and potential inequities in care.

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: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds as they are specifically granted to the State for the purpose of providing the services described above.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: 100% Federal Funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Attached is the Notice of Grant Award and award history. Notice of these funds was received on April 1, 2022.

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
Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program
AU 70480000

A	Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program U4CMC32316	
B	Award Ending 09/29/2019 U4CMC32316-01-00	445,000
	Award Ending 09/29/20 U4CMC32316-02-00	445,000
	Award Ending 09/29/21 U4CMC32316-03-00	445,000
	Award Ending 09/29/22 U4CMC32316-04-00 =445000/12*9	333,750
C	Expended through 6/30/21	(905,151)
D	Unobligated Balance Unable to Spend	<u>-</u>
E	Award Balance 7/1/21	\$ 763,599
F	SFY 22 Appropriation **	(442,257)
G	Balance Forward	<u>(114,581)</u>
H	Available to Accept in SFY 22	206,762
I	Amount Requested this Action	<u><u>46,166</u></u>

**** SFY 22 Appropriation**

	010-090-70480000	Current	OYR	Total	This Action	Revised Budget
J	PRAMS	442,257	114,581	556,838	46,166	603,004
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	Total	<u>442,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>556,838</u>	<u>46,166</u>	<u>603,004</u>