

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

August 20, 2018

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman Fiscal Committee of the General Court State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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The Honorable Executive Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 198:15-y, III, I respectfully request approval to authorize expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$175,794.00, for infrastructure projects with the attached list of public elementary and secondary schools and the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, contingent upon availability of funds per RSA 198:15-y; effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2019. 100% General Funds.

Funds are anticipated to be available in account titled, Public School Infrastructure Fund as follows:

<u>FY19</u> \$175,794.00

06-56-56-560010-19640000-073-500583 Grants Non-Federal \$175

Security Projects (d)

\$175,794.00

## **EXPLANATION**

The Governor and NH Legislature amended RSA 198 by inserting a new subdivision titled: Public School Infrastructure Fund and Public School Infrastructure Commissioner through Chapter 156, Laws of 2017. HB 1415 appropriated an additional \$10 million, to provide additional funding to the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's school emergency readiness program. The purpose was "to provide funding for infrastructure projects for public elementary and secondary schools". The following are the projects allowed under the law.

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- (a) "A school building or infrastructure proposal in which the condition of such school building or portion thereof constitutes a clear and imminent danger to the life or safety of occupants or other persons and requires remediation as soon as practicable."
- (b) "A school building or infrastructure proposal in which a structural deficiency in the function or operation of a school building or portion thereof presents a substantial risk to the life or safety of the occupants or other persons and is more than a technical violation
- of the fire code, and requires remediation as soon as practicable."
  - (c) "Support of fiber optic connections for schools to enhance and improve reliance on Internet technology tools, provided matching funds are available."
  - (d) "Funding for the department of safety, division of homeland security and emergency management's school emergency readiness program to improve security in public schools, after the completion of a security assessment, and in consultation with municipal officials."
  - (e) "Other school building or infrastructure needs the governor, in consultation with the public school infrastructure commission, may identify, except for school building aid projects that are otherwise prohibited by law."

The Public School Infrastructure Commission met and developed applications for use by the public schools that would support allowed projects. Schools submitted applications to the Commission; who in turn reviewed each proposal. Having consulted with the Commission, I am requesting authorization to expend funds for the attached list of projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu Governor

## Status of Public School Infrastructure proposals (RSA 198:15-y)

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Grant Category	Applicant	SAU#	School Name	The American Project Title States and an and	Awa	d Amount
RSA 198:15-y III. (d)	Rollinsford School District	56	Rollinsford Grade School	Safe and Secure School - entrance and communication systems	\$	50,794
RSA 198:15-y III. (d)	Homeland Security & Emergency Management	NA	NA	Department of Justice Safe Schools Grant match for additional \$500,000 to fund unfunded Pubic School Infrastructure security applications.	\$	125,000
Total requested:					\$	175,794