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

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Executive Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend \$1,321,200 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), for the purpose of replacing antiquated fiber optic cabling with modern fiber armored cabling at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M), Concord. This is an allowable use of ARPA FRF 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 Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are to be budgeted in FY 2022 as follows:
 02-46-46-460510-26XX0000¹ as follows:

Account	Description	FY 2022 Current Authorized	Requested Action	FY 2022 Adjusted Authorized
040-501587	Indirect Costs	-	120,000	120,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	-	1,200	1,200
103-502664	Contract for Operation Services	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
	Total Appropriations	-	1,321,200	1,321,200
000-400338	Federal Funds	-	1,321,200	1,321,200

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH4602A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH4602Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

EXPLANATION

The NH State Prison for Men dates back to 1878 with periodic construction, renovation and reconfiguration projects in the modern era dating from the 1980s to today. In the early 1980s, a camera system was installed using analog fiber optic cabling for closed circuit video cameras to monitor the facility. Over time this system was upgraded and strands of that original fiber cabling were repurposed. Today, this cabling supports all networked services including DoIT and DOC projects. Modern cabling is needed to support modern infrastructure for a safe and secure facility.

These funds will replace all legacy fiber optic cabling with modern OM4 fiber armored cabling with sufficient strands to support future enhancements to the existing NHSP-M facility and metal jacketing to resist intrusion or degradation caused by environmental factors. This may include some repair to damaged or failing conduits or chase ways, which if left unaddressed would cause critical failures in services to the facility. These funds will mitigate the effects on corrections operations from the COVID-19 pandemic by:

- Increasing access and usage of Telehealth services due to staff outages, need for social distancing and access to community health providers while reducing exposure of persons incarcerated to physical contacts and community spread of COVID-19.
- Creating access for tele-education services to increase rehabilitative resources for persons incarcerated while limiting physical contact with outside educational institutions who have had known increase spread of COVID-19 on their campuses during the pandemic.
- Decreasing community transports overall to reduce facility exposure, when appropriate, to community contacts, to limit the transmission of COVID-19 within correctional facilities.
- Increasing the ability to remotely conduct parole review, disciplinary hearings, court appearances, and attorney-client consultation, in accordance with COVID-driven court requirements.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

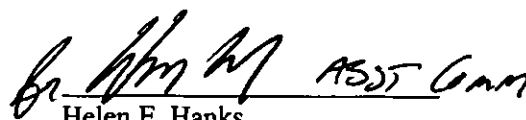
Class 040 – Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-1:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

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 103 - Contracts for Operation Services for procurement and installation of cabling.

This is an allowable use of ARPA FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. In accepting ARPA FRF funds, the Department agrees to work collaboratively with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to ensure accurate and timely reporting to U.S. Department of Treasury on the use of the funds.

Respectfully Submitted,


Helen E. Hanks
Commissioner