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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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February 24, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$1,110,992 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fund the Strengthening Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI)/Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Program (SHARP) as mandated by the American Rescue Plan effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the funds to be allocated as follows. 100% Federal Funds.
2. Contingent upon the approval of Requested Action #1, pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to continue one full-time temporary position, 9T3077, effective July 1, 2022 upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-90-903010-XXXX-HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, ARP – ELC SHARP PROGRAM

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$0	\$1,110,992	\$1,110,992
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$0	\$1,110,992	\$1,110,992
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$5,160	\$5,160
030-500301	Equipment	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
037-500173	Technology - Hardware	\$0	\$3,475	\$3,475
038-500175	Technology - Software	\$0	\$3,100	\$3,100

The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.

041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$2,721	\$2,721
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$8,310	\$8,310
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$0	\$73,305	\$73,305
060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$52,056	\$52,056
066-500543	Employee Training	\$0	\$7,075	\$7,075
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$0	\$27,958	\$27,958
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$0	\$850,832	\$850,832
548-500396	Reagents	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000
Total Expenses		\$0	\$1,110,992	\$1,110,992

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept additional grant funds available to the Division of Public Health Services. On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2). This act provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy; public health; and state and local governments. To support the governmental public health response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created supplements to the grant award entitled *Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)*. This new component is entitled *Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity (Healthcare Associated Infections/Antibiotic Resistant Pathogens)*. These funds will be used to provide critical resources in support of a broad range of healthcare infection prevention and control (IPC) activities and epidemiologic surveillance related activities to detect, monitor, mitigate, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare settings. These funds will also be used to address other conditions in healthcare settings, such as healthcare associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial resistance (AR). The funds will also allow for expanded laboratory capacity for early detection of and rapid response to drug-resistant pathogens; enhanced use of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to augment surveillance and provide data for action; improved infection control capacity and practices; implementation of antibiotic stewardship core elements, information sharing, and coordinated data-driven prevention efforts in all healthcare settings.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 020 - These funds will be used to purchase office supplies and development and printing of HAI/AR resource documents.

Class 030 – These funds will be used to purchase a freezer for vaccines and Single Channel Pipettes.

Class 037 – These funds will be used to purchase several PC Desktop hardware units as needed by staff working on this project.

Class 038 – These funds will be used to purchase PC Desktop software to accompany the hardware.

Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.

Class 042 – The funds will be used to pay for post-retirement expense for the position listed above.

Class 059 – These funds will be used to support a full-time temporary Healthcare Associated Infections Health Educator 9T3077. This position is currently funded and authorized in a parallel grant award. The funding for this

position will expire June 30, 2022 and this new award will continue to fund the position through the end of the grant period.

Class 060 – These funds will be used to pay for the benefits for the position listed above.

Class 066 – These funds will be used for staff training and workshops on Infection Prevention, Annual NHSN workshops, and statistical software training courses.

Class 070 – These funds will be used to pay for mileage to partnering facilities to support this project.

Class 080 – These funds will be used to attend out-of-state meetings such as the HAI Grantees Meeting, the Northeast Epidemiology Conference, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Conference, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC), the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Annual Conference, and the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Class 102 – These funds will be used to contract with various contractors who will be participating in the project, such for the Sensititre System and Service, Specimen Transport, Antibigram Project, FirstLine Project, and Infection Prevention Liaison Project.

Class 548 – These funds will be used to purchase whole genome sequencing reagents and MALDI-TOF reagents and corresponding supplies.

The following information is provided in accordance with the comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981:

1. List of personnel involved: 1 full-time temporary Healthcare Associated Infections Health Educator (9T3077).
2. Nature, Need, and Duration: The position will provide assistance with the increased need caused by the COVID-19 public health pandemic. The position will be needed while the event is ongoing.
3. Relationship to existing agency programs: This is an ongoing public health event and the CDC has continued support of the activities. This position is currently funded and authorized in a parallel grant budgeted in the Division's ELC Healthcare IPC Training program. The funding for the position will end June 30, 2022 and this new award will continue to fund the position through the end of the grant period.
4. Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No
5. Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? This award was issued October 26, 2021 and was not known at the time of budget submission.
6. Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? All grant dollars are being used for this request.
7. Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): The positions necessary for this work will not be permanent. Through June 30, 2023, estimated salary and benefits are as follows:

FY2023

\$125,361

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: The funds are provided for a specified purpose by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as defined in the Notice of Grant Award and cannot be used to offset general funds.

Area Served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made available through of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), P.L. 117-2, as part of supplemental funding under Project E: Emerging Issues of CK19-1904. Attached is the Notice of Grant Award, received October 27, 2021. These funds were not added to the FY22-FY23 operating budget because they are new and were not anticipated at the time the budget was developed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Shabinette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Shabinette
Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award

Award# 6 NU50CK000522-03-04
FAIN# NU50CK000522
Federal Award Date: 10/26/2021

Recipient Information

1. Recipient Name

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEW
HAMPSHIRE DEPT OF
129 Pleasant St
Concord, NH 03301-3852
[NO DATA]

2. Congressional District of Recipient

02

3. Payment System Identifier (ID)

1026000618B3

4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

026000618

5. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

011040545

6. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier

7. Project Director or Principal Investigator

Ms. Elizabeth Daly
Administrator IV
elizabeth.daly@dhhs.nh.gov
(603)271-4927

8. Authorized Official

Ms. Richelle Swanson
AO / Financial Administrator
Richelle.Swanson@dhhs.nh.gov
603-271-4613

Federal Agency Information

CDC Office of Financial Resources

9. Awarding Agency Contact Information

Cathleen Franklin
Grants Management Specialist
qtm0@cdc.gov
678-475-4552

10. Program Official Contact Information

Mr. Fred Maxineau
PHA
hyx2@cdc.gov
404.639.0869

Federal Award Information

11. Award Number

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12. Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)

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13. Statutory Authority

301(A)AND317(K)(2)PHS42USC241(A)247B(K)2

14. Federal Award Project Title

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)

15. Assistance Listing Number

93.323

16. Assistance Listing Program Title

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)

17. Award Action Type

Supplement

18. Is the Award R&D?

No

Summary Federal Award Financial Information

19. Budget Period Start Date 08/01/2021 - **End Date** 07/31/2022

20. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action \$6,060,076.00

20a. Direct Cost Amount \$6,060,076.00

20b. Indirect Cost Amount \$0.00

21. Authorized Carryover \$0.00

22. Offset \$0.00

23. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated this budget period \$7,917,569.00

24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable \$0.00

25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved this Budget Period \$13,977,645.00

26. Project Period Start Date 08/01/2019 - **End Date** 07/31/2024

27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching this Project Period Not Available

28. Authorized Treatment of Program Income

ADDITIONAL COSTS

29. Grants Management Officer - Signature

Ms. Freda Johnson
Grants Management Officer

30. Remarks

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Not Available

31. Assistance Type

Cooperative Agreement

32. Type of Award

Other

33. Approved Budget

(Excludes Direct Assistance)

I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only

II. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation

a. Salaries and Wages	\$1,227,109.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$723,422.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$1,950,531.00
d. Equipment	\$223,277.00
e. Supplies	\$163,193.00
f. Travel	\$72,914.00
g. Construction	\$0.00
h. Other	\$10,944,801.00
i. Contractual	\$208,735.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$13,563,451.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$414,194.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$13,977,645.00
m. Federal Share	\$13,977,645.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$0.00

34. Accounting Classification Codes

FY-ACCOUNT NO.	DOCUMENT NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE CODE	OBJECT CLASS	AMT ACTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	APPROPRIATION
2-9390GXY	19NU50CK000522TH2C6	CK	41.51	\$200,000.00	75-X-0140
2-9390J4N	19NU50CK000522HOME6	CK	41.51	\$449,760.00	75-X-0140
2-9390J4P	19NU50CK000522SHRPC6	CK	41.51	\$2,720,938.00	75-X-0140
2-9390J4Q	19NU50CK000522SNFC6	CK	41.51	\$1,371,643.00	75-X-0511
2-9390J4R	19NU50CK000522NLTC6	CK	41.51	\$1,317,735.00	75-X-0511

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Direct Assistance

BUDGET CATEGORIES	PREVIOUS AMOUNT (A)	AMOUNT THIS ACTION (B)	TOTAL (A + B)
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

AWARD ATTACHMENTS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPT OF

6 NU50CK000522-03-04

1. Terms and Conditions

ADDITIONAL AWARD INFORMATION

Incorporation: In addition to the federal laws, regulations, policies, and CDC General Terms and Conditions for Non-research awards at <https://www.cdc.gov/grants/federalregulationspolicies/index.html>, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hereby incorporates Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) number CK19-1904, titled *Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases(ELC)*, which are hereby made a part of this Non-research award, hereinafter referred to as the Notice of Award (NOA).

Supplemental Funding: Additional funding in the amount \$6,060,076 is approved for the Year 03 budget period, which is August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. The availability of funds is shown below.

COVID Funded Component	Amount	End of Funding Availability	Suffix Document Number in PMS
Detection & Mitigation of COVID in Homeless Service Sites & Other Congregate Settings	\$449,760	July 31, 2024	HOME6
Strengthening HAI & AR Program Capacity (SHARP)	\$2,720,938	July 31, 2024	SHRPC6
Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Teams - SNF	\$1,371,643	July 31, 2024 <u>or</u> 12 months from the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration for COVID-19, whichever comes first	SNFC6
Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Teams - NH & LTC	\$1,317,735	July 31, 2024 <u>or</u> 12 months from the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration for COVID-19, whichever comes first	NLTCC6
Travelers Health Year 2	\$200,000	December 31, 2022	TH2C6

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Funds: A recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with funds made available under the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123); the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (the "CARES Act") (P.L. 116-136); the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139); the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) and/or the American Rescue Plan of 2021 [P.L. 117-2] agrees, as applicable to the award, to: 1) comply with existing and/or future directives and guidance from the Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19; 2) in consultation and coordination with HHS, provide, commensurate with the condition of the individual, COVID-19 patient care regardless of the individual's home jurisdiction and/or appropriate public health measures (e.g., social distancing, home isolation); and 3) assist the United States Government in the implementation and enforcement of federal orders related to quarantine and isolation.

In addition, to the extent applicable, Recipient will comply with Section 18115 of the CARES Act, with respect to the reporting to the HHS Secretary of results of tests intended to detect SARS-CoV-2 or to diagnose a possible case of COVID-19. Such reporting shall be in accordance with guidance and direction from HHS and/or CDC. HHS laboratory reporting guidance is posted at: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>.

Further, consistent with the full scope of applicable grant regulations (45 C.F.R. 75.322), the purpose of this award, and the underlying funding, the recipient is expected to provide to CDC copies of and/or access to COVID-19 data collected with these funds, including but not limited to data related to COVID-19 testing. CDC will specify in further guidance and directives what is encompassed by this requirement.

This award is contingent upon agreement by the recipient to comply with existing and future guidance from the HHS Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19. In addition, recipient is expected to flow down these terms to any subaward, to the extent applicable to activities set out in such subaward.

To achieve the public health objectives of ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all Americans, Recipient must distribute or administer vaccine without discriminating on non-public-health grounds within a prioritized group.

Unallowable Costs:

1. Research
2. Clinical care for all COVID awards except the 'Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facilities Strike Team' award.
3. Construction
4. Publicity and propaganda (lobbying):
5. Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:
 - a. publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body
 - b. the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body

6. All unallowable costs cited in CDC-RFA-CK19-1904 remain in effect, unless specifically amended in this guidance, in accordance with 45 CFR Part 75 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for HHS Awards.

COVID-19 Funding Budget Revision Requirement: The recipient must submit a revised budget with a narrative justification, using the ELC budget workbook provided in the Grant Note associated with this award, within 90 days of receipt of the Notice of Award. Submission must be made as a budget revision amendment and not as a Grant Note. If the date falls on a weekend or holiday, the submission will be due the following business day. Failure to submit the required information in a timely manner may adversely affect the future funding of this project. If the information cannot be provided by the due date, you are required to contact the GMS/GMO identified in the Awarding Agency Contact Information section on the first page before the due date.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting: Please reference the applicable guidance for reporting requirements related to: (1) Detection & Mitigation of COVID in Homeless Service Sites & Other Congregate Settings; (2) Strengthening HAI & AR Program Capacity (SHARP); (3) Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Team; and (4) Travelers Health Year 2 activities.

Required Disclosures for Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS): Consistent with 45 CFR 75.113, applicants and recipients must disclose in a timely manner, in writing to the CDC, with a copy to the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG), all information related to violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Subrecipients must disclose, in a timely manner in writing to the prime recipient (pass through entity) and the HHS OIG, all information related to violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Disclosures must be sent in writing to the CDC and to the HHS OIG at the following addresses:

CDC, Office of Grants Services
Cathleen Franklin, Grants Management Specialist
Contractor: Cherokee Nation Operational Solutions
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Branch 1
2939 Flowers Road, MS-TV-2 Atlanta, GA 30341
Email: qtm0@cdc.gov (Include "Mandatory Grant Disclosures" in subject line)

AND

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General
ATTN: Mandatory Grant Disclosures, Intake Coordinator 3301 Independence Avenue, SW
Cohen Building, Room 5527 Washington, DC 20201
Fax: (202)-205-0604 (Include "Mandatory Grant Disclosures" in subject line) or Email:
MandatoryGranteeDisclosures@oig.hhs.gov

Recipients must include this mandatory disclosure requirement in all subawards and contracts under this award.

Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 45 CFR 75.371. Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (See 2 CFR parts 180 and 376, and 31 U.S.C. 3321).

CDC is required to report any termination of a federal award prior to the end of the period of performance due to material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this award in the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS). (45 CFR 75.372(b)) CDC must also notify the recipient if the federal award is terminated for failure to comply with the federal statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the federal award. (45 CFR 75.373(b))

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) maintains a toll-free number (1-800-HHS-TIPS [1- 800-447-8477]) for receiving information concerning fraud, waste, or abuse under grants and cooperative agreements. Information also may be submitted by e-mail to hhstips@oig.hhs.gov or by mail to Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Attn: HOTLINE, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington DC 20201. Such reports are treated as sensitive material and submitters may decline to give their names if they choose to remain anonymous.

Payment Management System Subaccount: Funds awarded in support of approved activities have been obligated in a subaccount in the PMS, herein identified as the "P Account". Funds must be used in support of approved activities in the NOFO and the approved application.

The grant document number identified on the bottom of **Page 2** of the Notice of Award must be known to draw down funds.

HHS Non-Discrimination Legal Requirements for Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance

The purpose of this Notice of Award amendment is to notify you that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) incorporated Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) non-discrimination legal requirements for recipients of federal financial assistance into the CDC General Terms and Conditions within your Notice of Award. The new requirements are effective immediately. The requirements are in the General Requirements section of the General Terms and Conditions, and are also listed below.

You must administer your project in compliance with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age and, in some circumstances, religion, conscience, and sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy). This includes taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency and providing programs that are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. See <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html> and <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html>.

- You must take reasonable steps to ensure that your project provides meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency. For guidance on meeting your