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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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February 12, 2019

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
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Approved by Fiscal Committee Date 3/5/19

Requested Action

1. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, subject to the accept and expend approval by Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council request in item #2, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to approve the creation of one temporary Program Assistant II (LG 15, A000). Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2019. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds.

2. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to accept and expend Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program funds in the amount of \$2,702,940.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR-4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding, DR-4355 October 2017 Severe Storms and flooding, DR-4370 March 2018 Severe Storms and Flooding, and DR-4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2019. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY 2019 in the following account:

02-23-23-236010-12320000	Dept. of Safety	HSEM	Declared Disasters Public Assistance	
		<u>SFY19 Current Adjusted Authorized</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>SFY19 Revised Adjusted Authorized</u>
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$22,586,469.13)	(\$2,702,940.00)	(\$25,289,409.13)
018-500106	Overtime	\$51,898.55	\$5,000.00	\$56,898.55
020-500200	Current Expense	\$29,654.25	\$8,000.00	\$37,654.25
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build.- Grnds	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
030-500311	Equipment	\$84,870.40	\$4,000.00	\$88,870.40
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$42,550.00	\$2,500.00	\$45,050.00
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$12,669.00	\$11,500.00	\$24,169.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$64,136.05	\$11,427.00	\$75,563.05
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$22,803.65	\$13,000.00	\$35,803.65
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$279,645.93	\$57,500.00	\$337,145.93
059-500117	Temp Full-Time	\$89,150.00	\$10,689.00	\$99,839.00

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060-500601	Benefits	\$103,652.31	\$25,683.00	\$129,335.31
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$3,938.14	\$7,500.00	\$11,438.14
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$21,797,750.85	\$2,545,141.00	\$24,342,891.85
080-507101	Out of State Travel	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
	Total	\$22,586,469.13	\$2,702,940.00	\$25,289,409.13

Explanation

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides federal assistance to state and local government organizations and certain qualified private nonprofit organizations to assist in responding to and recovering from federally declared disasters. To date, the State of New Hampshire has had five declared disasters since June 1, 2017, with six counties meeting declaration thresholds.

This request to accept \$2,702,940.00 represents the federal share of the public assistance and administrative cost allowances for the recipient and sub-recipients. The total amount is comprised of \$31,587 from DR-4329PA, \$67,211.00 from DR-4355PA, October 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding; \$1,746,124.00 from DR-4370PA, March 2018 Severe Storms and Flooding; and \$858,018.00 from DR-4371PA, March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm. Between the five disasters, numerous New Hampshire State Agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Services, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Safety, along with over 100 New Hampshire municipalities and multiple private nonprofit organizations that provide critical and essential services are expected to receive supplemental assistance from FEMA.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows.

The funds in class 018, Overtime, will be used to pay overtime costs associated with evening meetings, workshops, project monitoring, and administration.

The funds in class 020, Current Expense, will be used for supplies needed to manage the Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs.

The funds in class 024, Maint Other Than Build- Grnds, will be used to modify workspace for new full-time temp position.

The funds in class 030, Equipment, will be used to purchase office equipment.

The funds in class 037, Technology-Hardware, will be used to purchase computer equipment for HSEM staff to manage the disasters.

The funds in class 038, Technology-Software, will be used to purchase software for HSEM staff to manage the disasters.

The funds in class 040, Indirect Cost, represent the associated amount for this request.

The funds in class 041, Audit Fund Set Aside, represent the associated amount for this request.

The funds in class 050, Personal Service Temp, will be used to pay salaries for existing positions.

The funds in class 059, Temp Full-Time, will be used to pay salaries for one new full-time temp position.

The funds in class 060, Benefits, will be used to pay benefits associated with class 018, 050, and 059.

The funds in class 070, In State Travel Reimbursement, will be used to reimburse for travel expenses associated with evening meetings, workshops, project monitoring, and administration.

The funds in class 072, Grants-Federal, provides funding for grants to sub-grantees.

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The funding mechanism is 75-85% Federal and 15-25% State/Local share. The 15-25% required match for State Agency projects will be paid from existing budgeted appropriations or an additional request for these funds will be made through the State Legislature. The local share is the responsibility of the local applicant. Indirect costs are budgeted based only on the Recipient Administration portion of the funds, as all other funds are considered pass-through funds and are not subject to indirect costs.

The following information is provided in accordance with the comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 12, 1981.

- 1) List of personnel involved: *Program Assistant II (LG 15, A000).*
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration: *This position is needed in order to assist with the administrative tasks associated with the various open disasters.*
- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs: *The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating the State's response to major disasters, and this position will be affiliated with the administrative efforts associated with Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program.*
- 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? *At the time the State of New Hampshire FY 2018-2019 budget was being developed, it was not anticipated that the State would receive this level of funding.*
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? *Grant funds are being utilized for the position.*
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position: *Salary and benefits in SFY 2020 are estimated to be \$82,100 and in SFY 2021 are estimated to be \$ 86,212.*

There are no General funds required with this request. In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,


John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner of Safety

Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Assistance Grant Program
Fiscal Situation

Federal Funds Awarded:

DR4139 July 2013 Flooding (Ongoing)	\$6,408,896.27
DR4316 March 2017 Severe Winter Storm (3/14/2017-08/28/2019)	\$1,757,944.45
DR4329 July 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (7/1/2017-11/06/2019)	\$9,964,651.49
DR4355 Oct 2017 Severe Storms and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$9,541,760.29
DR4370 March 2018 Severe Storm and Flooding (Ongoing)	\$4,510,957.16
DR4371 March 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (Ongoing)	\$2,486,048.64
Total Grant Funds Awarded	\$34,670,258.30

Less expenses in FY 2014	(\$1,707,254.45)
Less expenses in FY 2015	(\$2,179,709.84)
Less expenses in FY 2016	(\$1,971,292.05)
Less expenses in FY 2017	(\$78,042.33)
Less expenses in FY 2018	(\$2,228,566.15)
Total Prior Fiscal Year Actual Expenses	(\$8,164,864.82)

Net Grant Funds Remaining as of July 1, 2018 (SFY2019) **\$26,505,393.48**

Less SFY 2019 Appropriation including prior year encumbrances **\$22,586,469.13**
Account 02-23-23-236010-12320000

Excess grant funds available to appropriate **\$3,918,924.35**

This Request **\$2,702,940.00**