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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

January 7, 2022

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 Council
State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to budget and expend prior year carryforward funds in the amount of \$5,007,500 in Fiscal Year 2022 to fund The ARP Rental Assistance fund to provide rental assistance and housing stability services to eligible New Hampshire households that have lost income or experienced financial hardship because of COVID-19 pandemic upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use under the Emergency Rental Assistance fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, Section 3201 on March 11, 2021 (ERA2). 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in account #01-002-002-020210-2431, GOFERR, ARP Rental Assistance Fund as follows:

01-02-002-0202-24310000 ARP Rental Assistance Fund		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
EXPENDITURES				
040 - Indirect Costs	501587	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
041 - Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$40,414	\$5,000	\$45,414
072 - Grants Federal	500575	\$40,408,330	\$5,000,000	\$45,408,330
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$40,453,744	\$5,007,500	\$45,461,244
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
000 - Federal Funds	400338	\$40,453,744	\$5,007,500	\$45,461,244
TOTAL REVENUE		\$40,453,744	\$5,007,500	\$45,461,244

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EXPLANATION

On September 15, 2021, Governor and Council authorized GOFERR to enter into a sole source agreement with the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHIFA) in the amount of \$40,000,000 from the federal funds made available pursuant to ERA2.

Since October 1, 2021, ERA2 funds have been used for the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible that have lost income or experienced other financial hardship during COVID-19, including the payment of (i) rent; (ii) rental arrears; (iii) utilities and home energy costs; (iv) utilities and home energy cost arrears; and (v) other expenses related to housing incurred during COVID-19, as defined by United States Department of Treasury.

Pursuant to sole source subaward agreements for ERA1 and ERA2, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority is responsible for administration of the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP), in collaboration with GOFERR.

Following passage of ERA2, United States Treasury disbursed to the State 40% of the State's minimum allocation and issued guidance providing an opportunity to request the remaining allocation after the State has expended 75% of the disbursement. As of December 29, 2021, the State had expended 77% of the disbursement and has request disbursement of the remaining allocation. This request will allow NH Housing to continue to use ERA2 funds from the second disbursement to provide financial assistance to New Hampshire households.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs – Appropriations needed to pay required SWCAP or indirect cost fees

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside – Appropriations needed to pay required audit fees

Class 072 – Grants Federal – Appropriations necessary to support rental assistance program(s)

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

Respectfully submitted,



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