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December 14, 2018

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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

~~Approved by Fiscal Committee~~ Date 12/14/18

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$3,003,000 from the Temporary Assistance To Needy Families (TANF) program, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2019, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-045-450010-6146 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS,
HHS: DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, TEMP ASSISTN TO NEEDY FAMILY**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-403982	Federal Funds	\$ 15,071,617	\$ 3,003,000	\$ 18,074,617
009-407095	Agency Income	\$ 2,800,000	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000
	General Funds	\$ 6,874,063	\$ -	\$ 6,874,063
Total Revenue:		\$ 24,745,680	\$ 3,003,000	\$ 27,748,680
Expense				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 12,357	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,357
501-500425	Payments to Clients	\$ 19,913,868	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 22,913,868
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 4,044,963	\$ -	\$ 4,044,963
538-500380	Emergency Assistance	\$ 774,492	\$ -	\$ 774,492
Total Expense:		\$ 24,745,680	\$ 3,003,000	\$ 27,748,680

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services manages the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which is funded annually by \$38,394,141 of federal TANF block grant funds. The TANF block grant has a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement of \$32,115,100. The current budget anticipates State MOE at the minimum level necessary to retain the federal funds and avoid the penalties that are imposed for failure to meet the MOE. Since the recession of 2008, caseloads had steadily declined, as has been reported on the Department's monthly dashboard. However, with the passage of the SFY 2018-2019 budget, how the TANF cash assistance grant was calculated was changed; such that, the maximum monthly cash benefit shall be equal to 60 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, based upon the applicable household size and composition, as determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Department had anticipated that the average monthly caseload would become 2,301; however, the average monthly caseload is 3,305 as of November 2018, or 43% higher than was budgeted. The Point-In-Time caseload for the month of November 2018 is 3,355, so it is likely that the average monthly caseload will continue to increase. In comparison, the December 2017 average monthly caseload was 2,708, and the Point-In-Time caseload was 3,008, indicating a continuing increase in caseloads. The average monthly grant amount was anticipated to be \$721.20, but is actually \$729.07. The Point-In-Time monthly grant has fluctuated month to month, so it is difficult to know if the average will increase further. This accounts for the \$3,000,000 request in the 045-61460000 Payments to Clients (Class 501).

Funds are being budgeted in Audit Fund Set Aside (Class 041), as required.

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: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds. General funds are required to meet the annual maintenance of effort for the TANF program.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Federal from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner

	QE 9/30/17	QE 12/31/17	QE 03/31/18	QE 06/30/18	QE 09/30/18
TANF Balance Per ACF 196:					
FFY 2016 Grant	30,512,020	20,548,420	10,093,563		
FFY 2017 Grant	26,980,458	26,980,458	26,980,458	25,895,790	17,757,416
FFY 2018 Grant		9,781,023	19,561,884	28,956,646	38,394,141
	<u>57,492,478</u>	<u>57,309,901</u>	<u>56,635,905</u>	<u>54,852,436</u>	<u>56,151,557</u>

TANF Ledger grant year 2017

AMT = \$ 9,309,028.00

cc Chris Tappan
- Tracy Smith



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant St
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Re: Notice of Award FY 2017

Dear Grantee:

This grant award represents obligation for fiscal year 2017 for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. These funds are subject to requirements of Title IV-A of the Social Security Act as amended by Title IV-A of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PRWORA, P.L. 104-193.

Appropriation	CAN	This Action	Cumulative
75-17-1552	2017G996115	\$9,309,028.00	\$38,394,141.00
		Total \$9,309,028.00	\$38,394,141.00

AMS

EIN: 1026000818B3 Document Number: 1701NHTANF CFDA Number: 93.558

With the acceptance of this award, you agree to administer this grant in compliance with conditions set forth in the applicable Program Instructions, terms and conditions, Departmental regulations, and OMB Circulars. This award is also subject to the requirements of Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104).

A copy of the General Terms and Conditions governing mandatory grant programs and additional program-specific requirements for this program are available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/terms-and-conditions>.

Further, in accordance with Department of Treasury regulations 31 CFR Part 205, implementing the Cash Management Improvement Act, you agree to limit your request to draw Federal funds to the minimum amount needed and to time the request in accordance with the actual, immediate requirements in carrying out programs funded through this award. Failure to adhere to these requirements may cause the suspension of grant funds.

Funds included in this award will be made available through the DHHS Payment Management System (PMS). Questions pertaining to payments should be directed to DHHS Division of Payment Management, Post Office Box 6021, Rockville, MD 20852; telephone 1-877-614-5533. Fiscal reporting questions regarding this grant should be directed to the ACF Regional Office.

Please transmit a copy of this letter to the office authorized to request funds covered by this award.

Sincerely,

Mausami Kothari
Grants Officer
Division of Mandatory Grants

Handwritten initials and date: 7/19/17

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Per PMS No Document as 12/10/18

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