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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

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner (DHHS), to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) in the amount of \$3,500,000 to support the Empowering Youth Program, providing grants to nonprofit and for-profit entities for summer and school year youth programming, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.¹ 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000² HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9524A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9524Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 57,124,593	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 60,624,593
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$57,124,593	\$3,500,000	\$60,624,593
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 245,500		\$ 245,500
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 1		\$ 1
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 1		\$ 1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,121,473	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,123,973
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 35,795	\$ 3,497	\$ 39,292
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,733		\$ 8,733
046-500462	Consultants	\$ 1		\$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$ 1		\$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg, Grounds	\$ 1		\$ 1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 98,792		\$ 98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 180,751		\$ 180,751
085-588514	Inter-Agency transfers out of Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 42,662,320	\$ 3,494,003	\$ 46,156,323
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 11,771,224		\$ 11,771,224
	Total Expenses	\$57,124,593	\$3,500,000	\$60,624,593

EXPLANATION

The Empowering Youth Program was first launched in 2020 utilizing CARES Act Funds as part of the State's Invest in the Future Fund. This current iteration of the program builds on the previous program that served 9,210 children (5,025 middle school, 3,789 high school, and 396 elementary age students) in sixty-nine programs statewide. Funding for this program will be available to New Hampshire programs with summer and school year youth programs with an emphasis on youth who may be considered vulnerable and youth and children involved with the Division of Children, Youth and Families.

Programs that offer outreach, engagement, and activities that involve gang-violence prevention, substance-misuse prevention, youth empowerment, dropout prevention, and safe havens will be encouraged to apply. Additionally, providers may also access program resources to fund adolescent youth counselor positions within existing programs for younger children, giving teenagers the opportunity to develop leadership and mentoring skills.

Funding provided through ARPA SFRF for the Empowering Youth Program is intended to be utilized for program costs or related expenses through December 31, 2023, enabling providers to plan programming through summer 2022 and 2023.

The funds will be awarded and administered by DHHS, using the existing Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program structure to ensure quick and efficient distribution while maintaining appropriate accountability and equity.

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Funds will be budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – The funds will be used to pay for indirect costs per State requirement.
Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.
Class 102 – The funds will be used to pay for the Empower Youth program costs.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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