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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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$775,774 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Payments to ensure rural communities maintain access to high-quality health care and address urgent needs like workforce recruitment and retention upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-26XX HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS RURAL FUNDS

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Adjusted Authorized Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Adjusted Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$0	\$775,774	\$775,774
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Revenue	\$0	\$775,774	\$775,774
018-500106	Overtime	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
020-500200	Current Expense	\$0	\$368,405	\$368,405
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$0	\$57,002	\$57,002
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$0	\$1,071	\$1,071
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$0	\$776	\$776
047-500240	Own Forces Maint. (Bldg-Grnds)	\$0	\$81,000	\$81,000
048-500226	Contract Repairs;Bldg. Grounds	\$0	\$36,300	\$36,300
050-500109	Part-Time Salaries	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000

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

060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
101-500729	Medical Payments to Providers	\$0	\$201,220	\$201,220
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$775,774	\$775,774

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting to accept and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rural Payment funding to improve the following services within the Mental Health System of New Hampshire. These funds are provided to assist in ensuring adequate funds for salaries, recruitment, or retention; supplies such as N95 or surgical masks; equipment like ventilators or improved filtration systems; capital investments; information technology; and other expenses related to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19.

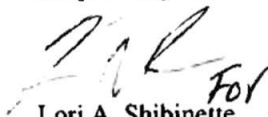
The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 018	Funds are needed to cover overtime necessary to address COVID-19 testing, monitoring and mitigation.
Class 020	Funds will be used to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and patients.
Class 030	Funds will be used to purchase equipment designed to reduce the spread of contagions and increase environmental hygiene.
Class 040	Funds will be used to pay for indirect costs.
Class 041	Funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.
Class 047	Funds will be used to improve infection control and patient safety by own forces.
Class 048	Funds will be used to improve infection control and patient safety by contracted vendors.
Class 050	Funds will be used to support existing NHH infection control activities under this program. These funds will be used to supplant funding for the following positions, which are currently budgeted: Nurse Coordinator-Infection Prevention (#15806) and RN III-Infection Prevention (#15910).
Class 060	Funds will be used to pay benefits associated with Class 018 and Class 050 expenditures.
Class 101	The funds will be used to hire agency staff to supplement vacancies in direct care positions.

In summary, additional funding is requested to aid the Department in making rapid, marked improvement relative to access to mental health services in the State of New Hampshire. The Source of Funds is 100% Federal Funds.

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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