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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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic & Housing Stability, Bureau of Family Assistance to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$147,515 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) effective upon date of approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2020, and further authorize the funds to be allocated as follows. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-045-450010-6125 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS,
HHS: DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-403950	Federal Funds	\$ 2,553,007	\$ 147,515	\$ 2,700,522
	Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	General Funds	\$ 1,358,740	\$ -	\$ 1,358,740
Total Revenue:		\$ 3,911,747	\$ 147,515	\$ 4,059,262
Expense				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$ 696,105	\$ -	\$ 696,105
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 205,093	\$ -	\$ 205,093
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$ 16,020	\$ -	\$ 16,020
030-500301	Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 5,540	\$ -	\$ 5,540
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 154,039	\$ -	\$ 154,039
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 2,212	\$ 147,515	\$ 149,727
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 38,480	\$ -	\$ 38,480
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$ 121,546	\$ -	\$ 121,546

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 305,712	\$ -	\$ 305,712
066-500546	Employee Training	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
070-500700	In State Travel Reimb	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel Reimb	\$ 11,551	\$ -	\$ 11,551
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 1,290,374	\$ -	\$ 1,290,374
103-502508	Contracts for Op Services	\$ 1,022,650	\$ -	\$ 1,022,650
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	\$ 3,925	\$ -	\$ 3,925
501-500425	Payments to Clients	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 26,000
Total Expenses:		\$ 3,911,747	\$ 147,515	\$ 4,059,262

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Economic & Housing Stability (DEHS), Bureau of Family Assistance (BFA) seeks approval to accept and expend federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds from the U.S. Department Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) for Class 041 (Audit Fund Set Aside) which was omitted from the budget. DHHS pays audit set aside on SNAP benefits although these benefits are not budgeted. The Department is responsible for the oversight, maintenance, and reporting of this federal program as well as managing the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) contract in which the vendor provides processing and settlement services for the transactions.

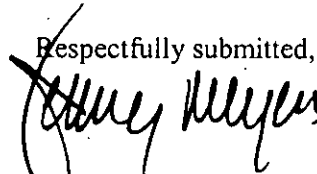
BFA administers the Food Stamp Program to provide food stability, promote health, and raise nutrition levels for households that are low-income and meet eligibility requirements. Benefits are administered through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). BFA facilitates the electronic redemption of government issued benefits, including Food Stamps.

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?" DHHS offers the following information: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds. RSA 124:16 requires all agencies which receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (equal to .1%) of the amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Federal from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,



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