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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chair
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

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 \$4,686,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support COVID-19 vaccine delivery within Federally Qualified Health Centers and voluntary school-based and/or community clinics conducted by Regional Public Health Networks. This is an allowable use of ARP SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, effective 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.**

05-095-094-940010-24650000¹ HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$28,349,413	\$4,686,000	\$33,035,413
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	\$28,349,413	\$4,686,000	\$33,035,413
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$0	\$1
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$26,206	\$4,686	\$30,892

¹ All direct program costs for RPHN School and community-based clinics will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9508A, all direct program costs for vaccine administration will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9508B, and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9508Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Grounds	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$14,696,729	\$4,681,314	\$19,378,043
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
	Total Expenses	\$28,349,413	\$4,686,000	\$33,035,413

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting to accept and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine delivery within Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and voluntary school and/or community based clinics. There is ongoing need to make vaccination opportunities available to people in New Hampshire who make the choice to get vaccinated. Although the COVID-19 vaccine is still effective against severe disease and death, booster shots are now available for certain individuals who are medically vulnerable or who have other risk factors.

Cases of COVID-19 are increasing among children and many parents are interested in vaccinating their children to help prevent illness and transmission of disease. These funds will support Regional Public Health Networks (RHPNs) to set up efficient vaccine clinics throughout the state to improve access for individuals and caregivers who wish to have their children vaccinated. School-based and community clinics relieve the burden on an already stressed health care system.

FQHCs integrate access to primary care, pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services in areas where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care. They are well-prepared to answer questions and deliver vaccine to low income individuals and their children. Both FQHCs and RHPNs can provide familiar and convenient locations for working families to get vaccinated.

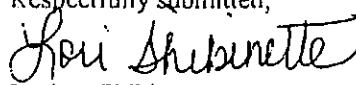
Funds will be used for vaccine delivery and logistics and will not be used to support the development or enhancement of the Immunization Information System (IIS).

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 041 The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.
- Class 102 The funds will be used for contracts with Regional Public Health Networks and Federally Qualified Health Centers to increase availability and access to COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots, and vaccine for children ages 5-11.

In summary, additional funding is requested to improve access to COVID-19 vaccine, especially for children and individuals with medical and other risk factors. The Source of Funds is 100% Federal Funds. This is an allowable use of ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds under Section 602(c)(1)(a), to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.

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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