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November 26, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

100% Other funds

Approval is requested to accept private funds for Spark NH, Early Childhood Advisory Council, per Executive Order 2011-03, in order to accept and expend private funds from the Endowment for Health for public policy work in the amount of \$62,530 and from the Jessie B. Cox the Boston Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for grant writing, effective upon date of Executive Council approval, through September 30, 2014.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families seeks approval on behalf of Spark NH, Early Childhood Advisory Council and Early Learning NH, fiscal sponsor for Spark NH, to accept and expend private funds in the amount of \$87,530.00 from the Endowment for Health and the Jessie B. Cox the Boston Foundation. A copy of the grant awards is attached. Spark NH is a federally mandated, Governor appointed early childhood advisory council established on September 7, 2011 by Governor John Lynch by Executive Order 2011-03, An Order Establishing the Early Childhood Advisory Council (attached). Item six stipulates that: "The Council shall be allowed to accept grants and other assistance to support its work upon the approval of the Governor and Council. Any such items shall be brought forward by the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Council." Early Learning NH is a private, non-profit organization designated by Governor John Lynch as the coordinating body for Spark NH.

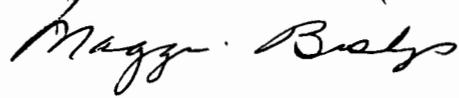
Should Governor and Executive Council determine not to approve this request, Spark NH will be unable to support the salary/wages for its director and support staff, who play a critical role in fulfilling the Council's obligations as required by federal law. In addition, Spark NH will be unable to carry out the activities in the agreed-upon work plans for these funds, which will further impede Spark NH's efforts to ensure that New Hampshire's young children and families have access to quality early learning and development programs and services.

Geographic area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Private.

If private funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted:



Maggie Bishop
Director

Approved by:



Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner

Enclosures (3)



One Pillsbury Street, Suite 301
Concord NH 03301
(603) 228-2448

September 26, 2013

Jackie Cowell
Executive Director
Spark NH
Early Learning New Hampshire
2 Delta Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Ms. Cowell:

I am pleased to announce that a Public Policy Grant of \$62,530 was approved by the Board of Directors to fund your important project.

Public and political will building is a critical “next step” to promote implementation of the comprehensive early childhood plan, which will be released Fall 2013. SPARK is ideally poised to implement proposed activities having invested in development of high quality communication materials during the planning phase of the effort. The initiative enjoys strong leadership and competent staffing and has already built a network of volunteers who can be deployed to assist with the proposed scope of work. The requested amount was reduced by \$25,000 removing funds to sponsor a WMUR “conversation with the [presidential] candidates”. Additional reductions were made to the budget request to be compliant with our indirect expense policy.

Enclosed is our *Terms of Award* that defines in detail the relationship between the Endowment for Health and Early Learning New Hampshire throughout the duration of the grant. This includes agreed upon final descriptions of your project and your grant, any conditions of the award and the required future reporting requirements. Please read this document carefully before signing. The grant payment will be issued upon receipt of a signed copy of the enclosed Terms of Award and completion of any Conditions required prior to grant payment.

The grant progress report schedule is outlined in the enclosed Terms of Award. A sample grant progress report is enclosed to provide insight into the information we need from you throughout the grant period.

Kim Firth is available to work with you throughout the grant period. She is a resource to you and I encourage you to contact her at any time if you have questions or concerns. Kim Firth can be reached at (603) 228-2448 X316 or KFirth@endowmentforhealth.org

We look forward to working with you as a partner to improve the health and reduce the burden of illness of the people of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Steven Rowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steven Rowe
President
Endowment for Health

CC: Laura Milliken

Note: In some circumstances, grant awards from private foundations can have certain adverse tax consequences for grantees that are in the public charity category. We do not want our grant of private funds to adversely affect your organization's tax status. We encourage you to review this matter to ensure that your organization will not suffer an adverse impact.

tBf The Boston Foundation

75 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116

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10/09/2013

It is a pleasure to present a \$25,000.00 grant to the Early Learning New Hampshire, to be used to apply for the federal Race to the Top: Early Learning Challenge grant. If you are not able to fulfill this purpose, please contact the Fund Administration Office at 617-338-2213. This grant was made at the recommendation of a fund advisor through a Donor Advised Fund at the Boston Foundation.

Fund Advisor: Mr. Michael C. Hill

Fund Name: Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust Fund

Please note that it is not necessary to send the Boston Foundation any tax receipt or acknowledgement letter and we kindly ask that you do not send us any general mailings unless requested. In the interest of our donors' privacy, we do not disclose donor contact information, and have asked our donors to contact you directly if they would like to be on your mailing list.

The Boston Foundation wishes you continued success.

By accepting this grant, your organization certifies to the Boston Foundation that 1) this grant may not be used to satisfy the payment of a pledge or other personal or corporate financial obligation on behalf of the above-referenced Fund advisor(s); and 2) no goods or services (memberships, tickets to events, benefits of a personal or corporate nature, etc.) will be provided to any individuals or entities as a condition of this grant.

When making any public announcement about this grant, we would appreciate it if you would recognize the support from the above named fund at the Boston Foundation.

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The Grants Committee asks that you acknowledge receipt of this grant, indicate your acceptance of the terms discussed above, and confirm that no gifts or services were received in exchange for this grant by signing and returning the enclosed yellow copy of this letter to Katy Fyrberg at GMA Foundations. A report on the use of these funds is due **November 1, 2014**. We have included the Trust's report guidelines to assist you.

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

Executive Order 2011-03

An Order Establishing the Early Childhood Advisory Council

WHEREAS, the healthy development of children provides a strong foundation for competent adulthood, responsible citizenship, economic productivity, strong communities and a prosperous New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, our youngest citizens represent the future of our economy, and their talents are essential for our state to remain competitive in today's global, knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS, success in high school, college, and career is directly related to a healthy and engaging early childhood; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire has long worked to ensure all of our youngest citizens are given the opportunities to develop to their fullest potential, laying the foundation for their success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, New Hampshire was named the best state in the country in which to raise children for the fourth year in a row; and

WHEREAS, the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134, requires establishment of a state advisory council on early childhood education and care to carry out the duties as enumerated in the Act;

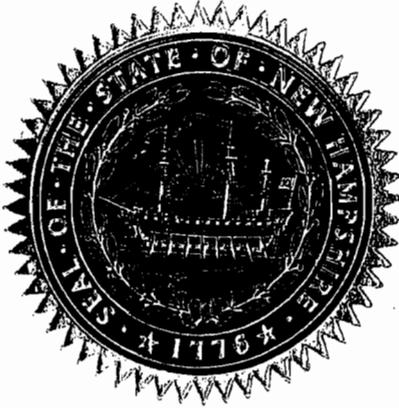
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order the following:

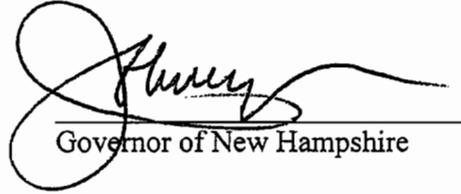
1. There is established the New Hampshire's Early Childhood Advisory Council ("the Council").
2. That the Council shall advise, make recommendations and undertake the following:
 - a) Strengthening New Hampshire's early childhood infrastructure;
 - b) Coordination of the development and implementation of an integrated and comprehensive strategic plan for early childhood in New Hampshire;
 - c) Development of a framework to evaluate the Council's outcomes/impacts and the progress of New Hampshire's young children and their families; and
 - d) Fostering public awareness of, promoting access to, and building commitment for quality early childhood programs and services.
3. That the members of the Council shall include the following members to be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- a) Administrator of the Child Development Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
 - b) Specialist from the Office of Early Childhood Education, Department of Education (DOE)
 - c) State Director of Head Start Collaboration
 - d) Title V Administrator for the Maternal and Child Health Section, DHHS
 - e) Chair of the NH Interagency Coordinating Council or designee
 - f) Chair of the NH Child Care Advisory Council or designee
 - g) President of Family Support NH or designee
 - h) President of the NH Association for Infant Mental Health or designee
 - i) A representative of Early Learning NH recommended by that organization
 - j) A representative of the DOE responsible for programs under section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act recommended by the Department
 - k) A representative of DHHS responsible for programs under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act recommended by the Department
 - l) A representative of a local educational agency recommended by the NH Association of School Principals
 - m) A representative of higher education recommended by the NH College and University Council
 - n) A representative of a Head Start agency recommended by NH Head Start Directors Association
 - o) A representative of the Children's Alliance of NH recommended by that organization
 - p) A parent recommended by the NH Head Start State Parent Advisory Council
 - q) A parent recommended by the NH Parent Information Center
 - r) Member of the NH House of Representatives or Senate recommended by the Executive Committee of this Council
 - s) A representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services recommended by the Executive Committee of this Council from a regional interdisciplinary group
 - t) A representative of the NH philanthropic community recommended by the Executive Committee of this Council.
4. The members of the Council shall hold an organizational meeting prior to October 1, 2011. At their November meeting they shall designate a chairman and a vice chairman from among them. Vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.
5. The members of the Council may appoint an Executive Committee as well as such subcommittees, task forces and work groups as necessary to carry out their duties.

6. The Council shall be allowed to accept grants and other assistance to support its work upon the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. Any such items shall be brought forward by the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Council.
7. All meetings of the Council, its Executive Committee, and any subcommittee, task force or work group established shall be open to the public and noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A.
8. The Council shall submit annually by October 1st beginning in 2012 a report to the Governor, Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Health and Human Services on its activities, recommendations and plans.
9. The Council is authorized to adopt such additional governing procedures that are consistent with this Order and the Act.

Given under my hand and seal at
the Executive Chambers in Concord,
this 7th day of September, in the year
of our Lord, two thousand and eleven.




Governor of New Hampshire