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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 the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$2,612,610 from the Temporary Assistance To Needy Families (TANF) program, effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through September 30, 2019, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-045-450010-6146 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS,
HHS: DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, TEMP ASSISTNC TO NEEDY FAMILY**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue				
000-403982	Federal Funds	\$ 3,504,291	\$ 2,612,610	\$ 6,116,901
009-407095	Agency Income	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000
	General Funds	\$ 1,718,515	\$ -	\$ 1,718,515
	Total Revenue:	\$ 5,922,806	\$ 2,612,610	\$ 8,535,416
Expense				
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 3,089	\$ 2,610	\$ 5,699
501-500425	Payments to Clients	\$ 4,978,467	\$ 2,610,000	\$ 7,588,467
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 753,750	\$ -	\$ 753,750
538-500380	Emergency Assistance	\$ 187,500	\$ -	\$ 187,500
	Total Expense:	\$ 5,922,806	\$ 2,612,610	\$ 8,535,416

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) manages the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which is funded annually by federal (TANF) block grant funds. The TANF block grant, which this year is \$38,394,141, has a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement of \$32,115,100. The current budget anticipates State MOE at the minimum level necessary to retain the federal funds and avoid penalties that are imposed for failure to meet the MOE. Transfer of TANF for cash assistance in Division of Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) as explained below, is needed to continue to provide essential services.

Funds are needed in excess of the SFY 19 Authorized Budget amount approved in the Continuing Resolution to provide client driven cash assistance to NH's most vulnerable citizens.

Funds are being budgeted in Audit Fund Set Aside (Class 041) as required.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required of all Fiscal Committee item requests, related to RSA 9:16-a, "Transfers authorized", RSA 14:30-a, VI "Expenditure of funds over \$100,000 from any Non State Source", or RSA 124:15, "Positions Authorized", or both, and all Emergency requests pursuant to "Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, making temporary appropriations for the expenses and encumbrances of the State of New Hampshire":

1. Is the action required of this request a result of the Continuing Resolution for FY 2020?

Yes, 3/12th of the SFY 19 budget is not sufficient to pay 3 months of TANF cash assistance.

2. If this request is retroactive what is the significance and importance of the action being effective from an earlier date?

This request is not related to any retroactive requests.

3. Is this a previously funded and ongoing program established through Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council action? (If so, include as an attachment the original documents as approved and cite the specific dates of authorization and end dates for each action as part of your answer to this question.)

No

4. Was funding for this program included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget or requested and denied?

Yes this was included in the enacted Budget.

5. Is this program in total or in part, included in the vetoed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal currently pending for your department, or was it requested and denied?

Yes, this program was included in the FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal.

6. Does this program include, either positions or consultants, and if so are the positions filled, vacant, or have offers pending? (Please provide details for each position and note whether consultant contracts have been awarded.)

There are not any position related expenses included in this transfer.

7. What would be the effect should this program be discontinued or not initiated as a result of this request being denied?

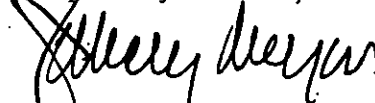
This transfer is required to maintain existing program levels. Should Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, we will be unable to provide client driven cash assistance to NH's most vulnerable citizens.

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?" the Division offers the following information: These funds may not be used to offset General Funds. General funds are required to meet the annual maintenance of effort for the TANF program.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Federal from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner