



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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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, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$7,467,460 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) related programming, services, and project investments, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2023 in the following account:

Table with 5 columns: CLASS, ACCOUNT, FY2023 CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET, FY2023 BUDGET REQUEST, FY2023 REVISED BUDGET. Rows include EXPENDITURES (040-103) and SOURCE OF FUNDS (000-16).

All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0223A-D and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH0223Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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EXPLANATION

This request would fund initiatives that would work together as part of a broader package of programs and projects across multiple agencies designed to provide support and relief for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) related services, facilities, and needs. The Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs (the Commission), GOFERR, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department of Safety (DOS) are coordinating efforts on multiple areas of investment, including public service campaigns, prevention efforts, treatment services, facility investments, and more.

As part of this coordinated effort, GOFERR is seeking to utilize ARPA SFRF funding for the initiatives described below. These are proposed programs and projects that would be overseen and facilitated by GOFERR, while working closely with the Commission and DHHS to administer the funds and provide technical assistance.

Proposed programs or areas of investment as part of this request include:

Funding to implement the Free Voices Campaign, a substance misuse prevention campaign aimed at junior high and high school students that was developed and designed with previous federal funds, but implementation of which was put on hold due to COVID-19. The campaign will rely upon a combination of in person outreach and digital engagement efforts. GOFERR would issue and oversee a grant or subaward for this program. Funding made available through this request is anticipated to be approximately \$150,000.

Funding to the New Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association (NHADACA) to facilitate a Licensing Support Program with the purpose of helping address workforce challenges and improving efficiency by increasing the number of licensed substance use clinicians - Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (MLADCs) and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs). Funding made available through this request is anticipated to be approximately \$300,000.

Licensure candidates will receive one-on-one support, including virtual supervision and mentoring, guiding them through the licensure program. An emphasis on virtual supervision will also reduce administrative burdens and make the process more convenient and less time-consuming for supervisors and candidates, particularly in rural areas. The new model contemplated in this proposal also aims to reduce patient wait time and enable them to be better able to access the modality of treatment that works best for them. GOFERR would issue and oversee a grant or subaward for this program.

Funding for a Detox Bed Capacity Investment Program that would provide funding to facilities that will create American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 4 beds that are available to people utilizing Medicaid, helping expand the availability of such beds. ASAM Level 4 beds provide medically managed intensive inpatient withdrawal care. There may be an opportunity to expand the reach of this program to additional ASAM Level beds. GOFERR would facilitate a program resulting in awards to entities that already provide such services or would be able to after further investment. Funding made available through this request is anticipated to be approximately \$5,000,000.

Funding for a program focused on providing relief for residential treatment programs serving pregnant and parenting women with SUD and co-occurring mental illness, as well as support for services provided to their children. GOFERR would facilitate a program resulting in awards to entities that already provide

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such services or would be able to after further investment. Funding made available through this request is anticipated to be approximately \$2,000,000.

As indicated above, it is expected that the majority of this funding request would be directed toward investments or programming related to detox beds and residential treatment for mothers and their children. However, flexibility in budgeting for each element is included as part of this request so that funding can be adapted based on demonstrated need and program demand.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside - .001 of federal funds payable to DAS for audit fees

Class 072 – Grants out of Federal Funds as described in the explanation.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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