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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 the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in the amount of \$6,006,000 that will be used to support COVID-19 mobile testing and vaccination services for the fall and winter of 2022 and 2023, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.¹ 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000² HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9530A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9530Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 57,774,070	\$ 6,006,000	\$ 63,780,070
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ 57,774,070	\$ 6,006,000	\$ 63,780,070
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 122,104		\$ 122,104
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 250,001		\$ 250,001
022-500255	Rents-Leases other than State	\$ 3,891,727		\$ 3,891,727
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 1		\$ 1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$ 2,123,973		\$ 2,123,973
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 48,707	\$ 6,600	\$ 55,307
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,733		\$ 8,733
046-500462	Consultants	\$ 1		\$ 1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	\$ 1		\$ 1
048-500226	Contract Repairs: Bldg. Grounds	\$ 1		\$ 1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 98,133		\$ 98,133
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 119,996		\$ 119,996
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 39,364,360	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 45,364,360
103-502507	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 11,746,332		\$ 11,746,332
	Total Expenses	\$ 57,774,070	\$ 6,006,600	\$ 63,780,670

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to support COVID-19 mobile testing and vaccination services for the fall and winter of 2022 and 2023. The Department plans to competitively procure a medical vendor to offer mobile vaccination services via community pop-up locations and homebased visits.

Three (3) mobile vans will provide vaccination services with telehealth access to a physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to support patient education, clinical screening, and shared clinical decision making. One (1) additional van will be dedicated to homebased visits. Additionally, the medical vendor will operate a call center which receives and coordinates requests for mobile and homebased services.

These call center and vaccination services will be offered October 2022 through March 2023. This time period encompasses the anticipated federal recommendation for additional booster doses, as well as increased COVID-19 case counts in New Hampshire. Additionally, the Department anticipates an increased demand for COVID-19 primary dose series from the under 5 population and boosters for the over 5 population as students return to school and parents prepare for the winter.

The medical vendor will also be contracted to perform COVID-19 PCR and antigen testing services using the same mobile vans offering vaccination services. Because the antigen supply chain and PCR laboratory turnaround times have improved, NH DHHS does not anticipate mobilizing these services until a potential supply chain disruption occurs or the healthcare system is unable to support the testing demand. Although testing services may not be offered, including this requirement allows NH DHHS to quickly establish testing access across New Hampshire if needed.

Funds will 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 to pay for the contracted services.

Establishing mobile and homebased COVID-19 vaccination and testing services supports individuals, families, and communities by creating access to healthcare services that may not otherwise be available and alleviating strain on New Hampshire's healthcare system. Healthy individuals help maintain essential services in New Hampshire, keep the economy open, and create a resilient community. These services will help create a safe environment for individuals to live, work, and vacation in New Hampshire, and will work to prioritize the most vulnerable populations and ensure access in rural parts of the State.

Without this funding the limited public health infrastructure in the State will not be able to efficiently provide access to COVID-19 vaccine to New Hampshire residents nor support care for a large surge of COVID-19 cases. This would tax local and regional healthcare capabilities requiring State and potentially Federal assistance. The Federal government has not indicated that they plan to support a fall surge or make resources available to the State.

Due to the time needed to source vendors, resources, and staffing for these projects, having this funding approved in advance of a federal announcement regarding boosters and fall case surge is needed to ensure all administrative rules and state procurement policies are followed.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori A. Shibinette', followed by the word 'for:'.

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