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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to pay the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), 2231 Crystal Ave., Suite 450, Arlington, VA 22202, (Vendor # 168523), \$18,800.00 for the annual membership dues, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. 50% Federal Funds and 50% General Funds.

Funds are anticipated to be available in the following account for the SFY 2018 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget.

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| Fiscal Year | Class/Object | Class Title | Job Number | Total Amount |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| SFY 2018 | 026/500251 | Organizational Dues | 90072000 | \$18,800.00 |
| | | | Total | \$18,800.00 |

EXPLANATION

Funds are requested to pay annual membership dues with ASTHO. The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is the national nonprofit organization representing the state public health agencies. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has a dual mission: to assist state health departments in the development and implementation of programs and policies to promote health and prevent disease, and to serve as a conduit for the state discussions and policy development with federal partners.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for the Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials was incorporated on March 23, 1942 and the Department of Health and Human Services has been associated with this organization since March 1942.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?
 - No
3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?
 - All 50 States, 6 U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. Yes, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services is the only state agency that is a member of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials membership dues are population based; there has been no price increase in membership due this year.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides staff to advocate in Washington, DC for national issues of public health significance. For small states such as New Hampshire that do not have a Washington, DC office, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials legislative staff provide timely briefings to state health officials on congressional activities, and non-partisan advocacy on public health issues such as funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Immunization, maternal and child health as well as chronic diseases. Given that more than half of the public health operating budget comes from federal sources, the Department's participation with Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is vital to maintain our ability to continue to receive Federal grants and funding for these programs.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials played a key role as a coordinating entity and an information clearinghouse regarding sequestration; thus enabling states to effectively understand and communicate the impacts to their administrations and elected officials.
 - Between 2009-2011 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials played a key role as direct interface between states and the federal government for all H1N1 related activities. They developed a centralized information distribution system that was key to NH's success in responding to the pandemic and assessing lessons learned.
 - During the last couple of years Association of Territorial Health Officials has played a key role in advocating for the inclusion of health promotion and disease prevention concepts and philosophy in the health care discussion at the national level. They have been instrumental in bringing members of congress and the federal government consolidated information from the states regarding successful implementation of

population based approach and its positive impact on quality of health care delivery while controlling costs.

- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides technical support and conveys the support from states across the nation.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides technical support and helps NH apply for and obtain private foundation grants that are helping the agency in the development and implementation of its strategic priorities as stated by the NH Public Health Improvement Council.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides resources and technical support to assist the Department in various operational aspects including consultation on financing, organization, and how best to use information technology to achieve programmatic goals at a reasonable cost.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides resources to assist DHHS in responding rapidly to new and emerging issues of regional and national importance, such as Ebola, Zika, H7N9 and the Coronavirus, which has the potential to become the new SARS epidemic. When these issues arise, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials provides coordination between various Federal agencies, and convenes State Health Departments to assure information sharing, streamlined communication, and a coordinated response.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials serves as a clearinghouse for state public health agencies to confidentially share best practices with each other. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials also serves as a clearinghouse for public health information and statistics.
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has served as the conduit for the development of a strong partnership between the regional Public Health directors; the group holds weekly conference calls and has regular discussions with the regional federal assignees.
6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.
- The Division of Public Health Services receives numerous educational and research materials from ASTHO and the cost is included in the membership. Federal grants are received by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to provide the states with training that far exceeds any training that are provided for at the same state level.
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.
- No.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

- Yes, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials cover all costs for the Director of the Division of Public Health Services to attend all ASTHO Meetings during the year.

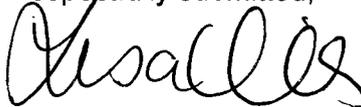
Should Governor and Executive Council not authorize this Request, all of the services provided by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, as detailed above, will not be available to the Department of Health and Human Services here in New Hampshire.

Area served: statewide.

Source of Funds: Source of Funds is 50% Federal Funds from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and 50% General Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



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| DESCRIPTION | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|
| ASTHO Annual Dues for the Period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 | \$18,800 |



REMITTANCE

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
2231 Crystal Drive
Suite 450
Arlington VA 22202
Attn: Membership Dues

Payment Due: June 30, 2017

Tax ID # 35-1044487

DUNS: 10-673-5830

ASTHO POPULATION BASED DUES STRUCTURE

| <u>Population Level</u> | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Territories-A* | \$4,000 |
| Territories-B** | \$8,800 |
| Up to 2,000,000 | \$18,800 |
| Up to 3,000,000 | \$21,600 |
| Up to 4,000,000 | \$24,000 |
| Up to 5,000,000 | \$26,800 |
| Up to 6,000,000 | \$29,200 |
| Up to 7,000,000 | \$32,000 |
| Up to 11,000,000 | \$39,600 |
| Over 11,000,000 | \$42,400 |

* Territories of American Samoa, Federated State of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands

** Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands