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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman Fiscal Committee of the General Court State House Concord, NH 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu And Honorable Council State House Concord, NH 03301

## **Informational Item**

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to:

1. Accept and expend \$46,875,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. These initial appropriations will be budgeted as allocated below. They represent an anticipated 75% reimbursement from FEMA. Further, DHHS requests the ability to transfer between the accounts noted below and into new accounts, as needed, without further approval. Effective through June 30, 2021.

95-19190000 COVID19 FEMA -DHHS		Budget Request
00D - Federal Funds from Safety	488523	\$46,875,000
020 - Current Expense	500200	\$35,625,000
030 - Equipment	500301	\$ 1,875,000
103 - Contract for Op.Services	502507	\$ 9,375,000

2. Transfer general fund appropriations of \$15,625,000 to cover the required FEMA state share match (25%) from the account noted below. Further, gave DHHS the ability to transfer between the accounts noted below and into new accounts, as needed, without further approval effective through June 30, 2021.

FROM 95-5676 Business Operations		Budget Request (decrease)
General Funds	488523	(\$15,625,000)
103 - Contract for Op.Services	502507	(\$15,625,000)

To 95-1919 COVID19 FEMA - DHF	IS	Budget Request
General Funds	, 488523	\$15,625,000
020 - Current Expense	500200	\$11,875,000
030 - Equipment	500301	\$ 625,000
103 - Contract for Op.Services	502507	\$ 3,125,000

## **EXPLANATION**

DHHS, as part of its role in the emergency life safety operations of COVID-19, has already purchased or committed goods and services. These goods and services related to PPE, such as masks, gloves, and face shields; supplies and services for surge sites; supplemental staffing; testing, and other COVID-19 related life safety expenses. This appropriation will be used by DHHS to backfill previously expensed and committed expenses, and anticipated future costs, to be incurred related to COVID-19 life safety measures, as appropriate and allowed by the FEMA grant.

Geographic area served: Statewide

Respectfully submitted,

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The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.