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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## DIVISION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

#### BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

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February 28, 2020

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, 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, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health to budget and expend prior year carry forward Drug Forfeiture funds from the Dedicated Fund established in the amount of \$110,000.00 effective upon date of Governor and Executive Council approval, through June 30, 2021, and further authorize the funds to be allocated as follows. 100% Other Funds.

05-92-92-920510-33850000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF DRUG & ALCOHOL SVCS, DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Adjusted Authorized Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Adjusted Authorized Budget
SFY 2020	•			
003 - 404929	Revolving Fund `	\$28,337	\$110,000	\$138,337
	General Funds	<u>\$0</u> .	\$0	. \$0
Total Revenue		\$28,337	\$110,000	\$138,337
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049-584977	Transfers to Other State Agencies	´ <b>\$</b> 0	\$110,000	\$110,000
102-500731.	Contracts for Program Svcs	<b>\$28,337</b>	<u>\$0</u>	\$28,337
Total Expense	,	\$28,337	\$110,000	\$138,337

#### **EXPLANATION**

The purpose of this request is to budget drug forfeiture funds received by the Department and carried forward from SFY19. Per RSA 318-B:17-c funds are forwarded to the Department of Health and Human Services from the Attorney General's office. The appropriation of funds is needed for payment on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Liquor Commission to continue to provide surveillance and related activities of youth access to and use of tobacco and alcohol products. The goal is to reduce the amount of sales by tobacco retailers to minors statewide, as well as provide education around the dangers of tobacco and alcohol use. The

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Synar Amendment, which is part of The Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act, Public Law 102-321, named after its sponsor, Congressman Mike Synar, requires states to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under eighteen (18) years of age. New Hampshire must comply with the Synar Program, which is the federally mandated program responsible for implementing the requirements of the Synar amendment, in order to receive Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant awards.

Should the Governor and the Executive Council not approve this request, the Department would not be in compliance with Substance Abuse Preventions and Treatment Block grant requirements.

Funds will be used for:

Class 049

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Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Other Funds from Drug Forfeiture Funds

In the event that Other Funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted.

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