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October 26, 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, NH 03301

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18 and 2020-20, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept and expend \$1,215,000 in federal funds from the United States Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) for the purpose of assisting with fraud prevention, detection and related overpayment collection efforts with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance programs through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

02-027-027-270010-80400000 Employment Security			SFY 2021		
Class	Account	Class Description	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
000	404625	FEDERAL FUNDS	(\$27,161,426)	(\$1,215,000)	(\$28,376,426)
001	484945	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCY	(\$895,757)		(\$895,757)
003	407549	REVOLVING FUNDS	(\$11,658,183)		(\$11,658,183)
009	402338	AGENCY INCOME	(\$593,391)		(\$593,391)
00D	488522	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCY	(\$4,523,000)		(\$4,523,000)
TOTAL REVENUE:			(\$44,831,757)	(\$1,215,000)	(\$46,046,757)
010	500100	PERSONAL SERVICES PERM CLAS	\$13,428,549		\$13,428,549
011	500126	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$232,480		\$232,480
012	500128	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$108,451		\$108,451
013	500131	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$347,354		\$347,354
018	500106	OVERTIME	\$1,078,239		\$1,078,239
019	500105	HOLIDAY PAY	\$25,499		\$25,499
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	\$626,160		\$626,160
022	500248	RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA	\$443,514		\$443,514
023	500291	HEAT ELECTRICITY WATER	\$479,773		\$479,773
024	500225	MAINT OTHER THAN BUILD-GRN	\$220,287		\$220,287
026	500251	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	\$25,500		\$25,500
027	582703	TRANSFERS TO DOI	\$4,866,731		\$4,866,731
028	582814	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL SERVIC	\$1		\$1

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030	500331	EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	\$51,713		\$51,713
037	500174	TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE	\$462,323		\$462,323
038	509038	TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE	\$6,489,598	\$1,215,000	\$7,704,598
039	500188	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$479,728		\$479,728
040	500800	INDIRECT COSTS	\$372,976		\$372,976
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	\$30,943		\$30,943
042	500620	ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,196,691		\$1,196,691
046	500460	CONSULTANTS	\$4,000		\$4,000
047	500240	OWN FORCES MAINT BUILD-GRN	\$9,210		\$9,210
048	500226	CONTRACTUAL MAINT BUILD-GRN	\$340,409		\$340,409
049	584995	TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGE	\$9,104		\$9,104
050	500109	PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPOI	\$865,656		\$865,656
057	500531	BOOKS PERIODICALS SUBSCRIPT	\$11,300		\$11,300
059	500117	TEMP FULL TIME	\$496,026		\$496,026
060	500601	BENEFITS	\$8,237,249		\$8,237,249
061	500536	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$20,000		\$20,000
062	500538	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$125,000		\$125,000
065	500542	BOARD EXPENSES	\$15,000		\$15,000
070	500700	IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEME	\$84,900		\$84,900
080	500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMB	\$37,000		\$37,000
085	588512	INTER-AGENCY TRANSFERS-FEDERAL	\$0		\$0
102	500731	CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVI	\$3,390,000		\$3,390,000
103	500740	CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	\$188,956		\$188,956
211	501530	CATASTROPHIC CASUALTY INS	\$3,373		\$3,373
229	500764	SHERIFF REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,500		\$5,500
230	500765	INTERPRETER SERVICE	\$15,657		\$15,657
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$44,831,757	\$1,215,000	\$46,046,757

EXPLANATION

The accepted funds are from the United States Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) for the purpose of assisting with efforts to prevent and detect fraud and identify theft and to recover fraud overpayments associated with two new unemployment benefit programs described below.

Section 2102 of the CARES Act of 2020 provides for additional unemployment assistance to those individuals not eligible under the state UC program. This program is referred to as the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program and provides an individual not eligible for UC with a minimum of \$168 and a maximum of \$427 weekly benefit amount. The PUA program is 100% federally funded.

Section 2107 of the CARES Act of 2020 provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits to those eligible individuals who may exhaust their state UC or PUA program benefits. This program is referred to as the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program and provides an individual who has

exhausted all other benefits with an additional 13 weeks of benefits. The PEUC program is 100% federally funded.

The supplemental federal funds authorized provide for the expansion and improvement of existing integrity functions currently utilized by NHES. InvestiCase, the fraud prevention and detection module within the New Hampshire Unemployment Insurance System (NHUIS), will be further enhanced to provide staff with additional tools to better track, detect, and prevent fraud in both the PUA and PEUC programs. PUA claim-specific screens will also be added to NHUIS to assist with necessary and new data collection for self-employed individuals. Additionally, NHES will be able to coordinate with and participate in the Integrity Data Hub (IDH) operated at no cost to states by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies on behalf of the US Department of Labor. IDH is a secure, robust, coordinated platform that allows states to work together to detect and prevent unemployment fraud.

Due to the unexpected nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, NHES was not able to forecast or budget these funds in advance.

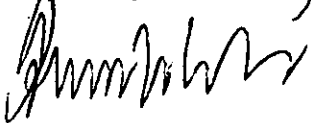
The funds have been budgeted in the following class:

Class 038 Technology - Software will be used to enhance NHUIS by expanding and improving upon existing integrity functions, instituting new data-gathering and evaluation tools, and allowing NH to fully participate with the Integrity Data Hub.

The funding will be used to support a contract amendment with SymbioSys Solutions, the vendor responsible for maintenance, modifications and enhancements to the NHUIS since 2009.

There are no General Funds required with this request. In the event that these funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support these expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



George N. Copadis
Commissioner

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