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

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

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 9-16:c, I, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to reallocate grant funds in the amount of \$434,349.00 within the account entitled Nat'l Fire Academy Grant to align appropriations with final federal award amounts. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

02-23-23-237010-4457000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of Fire Standards-Trng-EMS – Nat'l Fire Academy Grant

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>Revised Appropriation</u>
000-404805	Federal Funds	(\$1,749,458.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,749,458.00)
020-500200	Current Expense	\$130,396.00	\$0.00	\$130,396.00
030-500311	Equipment-New/Replacement	\$208,574.00	\$434,349.00	\$642,923.00
038-509038	Technology-Software	\$4,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	\$0.00
039-500189	Telecommunication	\$6,426.00	(\$5,751.00)	\$675.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$96,616.00	(\$67,392.00)	\$29,224.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$2,000.00	(\$429.00)	\$1,571.00
049-584995	Transfers to Other Agencies	\$16,000.00	(\$8,000.00)	\$8,000.00
050-500109	Personal Serv-Temp	\$112,485.00	(\$77,000.00)	\$35,485.00
059-500119	Full-time Temp	\$191,347.00	\$0.00	\$191,347.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$81,883.00	(\$16,047.00)	\$65,836.00
070-500707	Mileage Private Car-In State	\$1,844.00	(\$148.00)	\$1,696.00
072-500574	Grants-Federal	\$722,141.00	(\$86,509.00)	\$635,632.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$8,800.00	(\$4,400.00)	\$4,400.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$34,000.00	(\$34,000.00)	\$0.00
103-500736	Contracts for Operational Svcs	\$132,446.00	(\$130,173.00)	\$2,273.00
	Org 4457 Totals	\$1,749,458.00	\$0.00	\$1,749,458.00

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Explanation

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is an annual grant award program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and used to support the training of firefighters and emergency medical personnel across the state. The Division of Fire Standards and Training (FSTEMS) has utilized prior year grant awards to replace pediatric manikins, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders, and the fire-proof lining within a burn building. This year's grant funding is being combined with \$696,000 in previously approved FY20/FY21 capital budget funding to purchase a new Ladder Truck. This new Ladder Truck will replace the existing twenty-four year old apparatus which uses antiquated technology and is no longer fully effective as a learning tool. The capital funds will be used to support the 15% match required by the grant.

At the time the State budget was created, the final federal grant award allocation and amount was unknown. This transfer is needed to reallocate funding between classes to match the final federal award budget. Funds are to be transferred and budgeted as follows:


Funds in class 030, Equipment New/Replacement, will be used to purchase a new Ladder Truck. Funds are available in all other classes due to changes in the final federal award budget.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985 to support the above requested actions:

- 1) *Does transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?* The transfer supports continuing programs.
- 2) *Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?* This transfer is required to maintain existing program levels.
- 3) *Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.* RSA 21-P:12-a
- 4) *Identify the source of funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.* 100% Federal Funds.
- 5) *Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?* Without this transfer, federal revenues will go unused.
- 6) *Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?* Yes, the federal funds will lapse if the transfer is not approved.
- 7) *Are personnel services involved?* No

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

Respectfully submitted,


Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety