



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

for

**EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

January 7, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to budget and expend prior year carryforward funds in the amount of \$40,042,503 in Fiscal Year 2022 to fund The New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use under the Emergency Rental Assistance fund established by Title V, Subtitle A, Section 501(a) Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) (ERA1). **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in account #01-002-002-020210-1971, GOFERR, Emergency Rental Assistance as follows:

01-02-002-0202-19710000 Emergency Rental Assistance		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
040 - Indirect Costs	501587	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$12,500
041 - Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$45,615	\$40,003	\$85,618
050 - Personal Services Temp Appoin	500109	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
060 - Benefits	500601	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
072 - Grants Federal	500575	\$42,023,000	\$40,000,000	\$82,023,000
085 - Interagency Xfr Out of Fed Fnd	5885XX	\$3,775,000	\$0	\$3,775,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$46,153,615</b>	<b>\$40,042,503</b>	<b>\$86,196,118</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>				
000 - Federal Funds	400338	\$46,153,615	\$40,042,503	\$86,196,118
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$46,153,615</b>	<b>\$40,042,503</b>	<b>\$86,196,118</b>

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### EXPLANATION

On March 11, 2021, the Governor authorized allocation of \$80,300,000 from the federal funds made available pursuant to ERA1. Since March 15, 2021, the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program has been providing financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible that have lost income or experienced other financial hardship because of COVID-19, including the payment of (i) rent; (ii) rental arrears; (iii) utilities and home energy costs; (iv) utilities and home energy cost arrears; and (v) other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19, as defined by United States Department of Treasury.

On March 11, 2021, Section 3201(h) of the H.R. 1319 extended the availability of Emergency Rental Assistance Funds under Section 501(e) of subtitle A of the Title V of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (ERA1) from December 31, 2021 to September 30, 2022. This request will allow NH Housing to continue to use ERA1 funds to provide financial assistance to New Hampshire households throughout the life of the federal program.

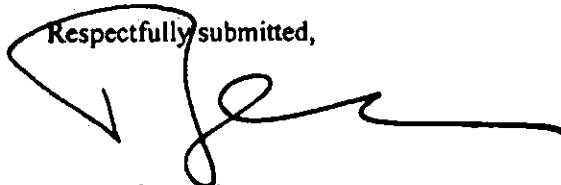
The overall budget includes a cap on indirect administrative costs of 7.5% for the service agencies and 1% for New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) and the agreement will have a termination date of December 31, 2022.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

- Class 040 – Indirect Costs – Appropriations needed to pay required SWCAP or indirect cost fees
- Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside – Appropriations needed to pay required audit fees
- Class 072 – Grants Federal – Appropriations necessary to support rental assistance program(s)

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director, GOFERR