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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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February 6, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court, and

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

100% Federal Funds

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Acceptance of Non-General Funds, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children, Youth, and Families, to accept federal adoption-related grant funds in the amount of \$422,249 effective retroactive from September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014 . Funding source: 100% Federal Funds. Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

05-95-42-421010-89030000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: CHILDREN AND YOUTH, CHILD PROTECTION, ADOPTION TRAUMA GRANT

Class/Object SFY 2014	Class Title	Current Authorized	Increase/(Decrease) Amount	Revised Authorized
000-403506	Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$293,629	\$293,629
	General Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Revenue		\$ 0	\$293,629	\$293,629

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized	Increase/(Decrease) Amount	Revised Authorized
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ 0	\$ 294	\$ 294
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$ 0	\$293,335	\$293,335
Total Expense		\$ 0	\$293,629	\$293,629

Class/Object SFY 2015	Class Title	Current Authorized	Increase/(Decrease) Amount	Revised Authorized
000-403506	Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$128,620	\$128,620
	General Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Revenue		\$ 0	\$128,620	\$128,620

Class/Object	Class Title			
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ 0	\$ 129	\$ 129
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$ 0	\$128,491	\$128,491
Total Expense		\$ 0	\$128,620	\$128,620

EXPLANATION

This request is being submitted retroactively because the Division's grant partner immediately began work on this project upon being notified that the grant was approved by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Upon notification of grant approval on October 1, 2013 the Division began work immediately to put the necessary documentation together to begin the contracting process. The Notice of Award was signed on November 6, 2013 with a grant budget period beginning September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families seeks approval to accept and expend in SFY 2014 and 2015 Adoption Opportunities grant funds in the amount of \$422,249.00 from the federal Administration for Children and Families. This request represents the first year of a multi-year grant award (September 30, 2013 – September 29, 2018). A copy of the grant award is attached.

The federal Administration for Children and Families requires that these funds must be used to improve the social and emotional well-being and restore the developmentally appropriate functioning of targeted children and youth in child welfare systems that have mental and behavioral health needs. In particular, these grants, in the form of cooperative agreements, are designed to:

- Assist public welfare agencies, through interagency collaboration, in improving child well-being, adoption and post-adoption outcomes by creating a flexible service array that provides early access to effective mental and behavioral health services that match the needs of the children, youth and families in the service population;
- Support the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated approach to evidence-based or evidence-informed screening and assessment of mental health and behavioral health needs and the use of functional outcome orientation case planning to ensure those needs are met;
- Support service array reconfiguration approaches at the child and system level that are aligned and responsive to the screening and functional assessment data while simultaneously targeting and de-scaling practices and services that are not effective; and/or do not meet the assessed needs of the target population;
- Identify factors and strategies associated with successful installation, implementation, and sustainability of service system changes; and
- Evaluate the effect of implemented system changes on safety, permanency, well-being, adoption, and cost outcomes for children overall and for particular subgroups.

Through a cooperative agreement New Hampshire will improve the mental and behavioral health needs of children and youth in the child welfare system. This in turn should decrease the amount of time that children and youth spend in the child welfare system, and it should help stabilize adoptions.

Class 041 The funds will be used to pay audit set aside expenses.
 Class 102 The funds will be used to contract with an agency to supply the services listed above.

Should the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council determine not to approve this request, it will result in the loss of much needed resources to meet the needs of our pre and post adoptive population. Children who are in need of adoptive placements from our child welfare system have experienced significant trauma, typically complex trauma, prior to entering state care. The uncertainties of foster care can exacerbate the trauma children have experienced through abuse and neglect and create poor wellbeing outcomes. Children with abuse and neglect histories need specific evidenced based treatment to overcome their past experiences and adoptive parents need special interventions to address the family systems changes which must be in place in order to successfully parent children with trauma histories. NH currently has more children who are waiting for adoptive placements than we have families who can accommodate these children. With out this contract NH will continue to have a lack of pre adoptive families that can meet the needs of the waiting children. NH will continue to have placement disruptions in foster homes and a decline in the well being out comes of adopted children. If this request is not approved NH will miss the opportunity to improve the well being out comes of children adopted from the child welfare system, increase the number of adoptive homes in our state, increase the numbers of children adopted from foster care and will loss out on the opportunity to impact the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in our system.

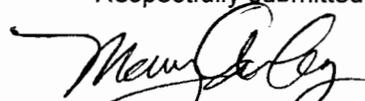
In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset general funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting general funds?" DCYF offers the following information: these federal funds cannot be used to offset general funds, as they are restricted to the activities referenced herein. Should this request be, denied, the funds in question must be returned to the federal government.

Geographic are served: Statewide.

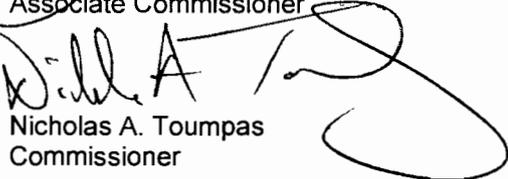
Source of Funds: 100% Federal.

If the federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted:


Mary Ann Cooney
Associate Commissioner

Approved By:


Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
 NOTICE OF AWARD

SAI NUMBER:

PMS DOCUMENT NUMBER:

1. AWARDING OFFICE: ACYF - Children's Bureau		2. ASSISTANCE TYPE: Coop Agreement		3. AWARD NO.: 90CO1115-01-01		4. AMEND. NO. 1		
5. TYPE OF AWARD: Other			6. TYPE OF ACTION: NGA Revision			7. AWARD AUTHORITY: 42 USC 5101 ET SEQ		
8. BUDGET PERIOD: 09/30/2013 THRU 09/29/2014			9. PROJECT PERIOD: 09/30/2013 THRU 09/29/2018			10. CAT NO.: 93.652		
11. RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION: New Hampshire Dept of Health & Human Services 129 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301-3852 Grantee Authorizing Official: John Harrington						12. PROJECT / PROGRAM TITLE: New Hampshire Adoption, Preparation and Preservation Project		

13. COUNTY: Merrimack		14. CONGR. DIST: 02		15. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Eileen Mullen			
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16. APPROVED BUDGET:				17. AWARD COMPUTATION:			
Personnel.....	\$	218,063.00		A. NON-FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$	0.00	0%
Fringe Benefits.....	\$	0.00		B. FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$	422,249.00	100%
Travel.....	\$	30,000.00		18. FEDERAL SHARE COMPUTATION:			
Equipment.....	\$	0.00		A. TOTAL FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$	422,249.00	
Supplies.....	\$	3,300.00		B. UNOBLIGATED BALANCE FEDERAL SHARE.....	\$	0.00	
Contractual.....	\$	0.00		C. FED. SHARE AWARDED THIS BUDGET PERIOD...	\$	422,249.00	
Facilities/Construction.....	\$	0.00		19. AMOUNT AWARDED THIS ACTION:			
Other.....	\$	170,886.00			\$	0.00	
Direct Costs.....	\$	422,249.00		20. FEDERAL \$ AWARDED THIS PROJECT PERIOD:			
Indirect Costs.....	\$	0.00			\$	422,249.00	
At % of \$				21. AUTHORIZED TREATMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME:			
In Kind Contributions.....	\$	0.00		Additional Costs			
Total Approved Budget.....	\$	422,249.00		22. APPLICANT EIN:		23. PAYEE EIN:	
				026000618		1026000618B3	
				24. OBJECT CLASS: 41.45			

25. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:						DUNS 011040545	
ORGN	DOCUMENT NO.	APPROPRIATION	CAN NO.	NEW AMT.	UNOBLIG.	NONFED %	
	90CO111501	75131536	3-G998016	\$0.00			

26. REMARKS: (Continued on separate sheets)

See next page

27. SIGNATURE - ACF GRANTS OFFICER		DATE:		28. SIGNATURE(S) CERTIFYING FUND AVAILABILITY	
Robin Bunch		11/06/2013			

29. SIGNATURE AND TITLE - PROGRAM OFFICIAL(S)			DATE:		
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11. RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION:

New Hampshire Dept of Health & Human Services

26. REMARKS (Continued from previous page)

Local Travel (\$29,130) and Contractual (\$2,650) moved to the Other budget category.

Equipment (\$2,400) moved to the Supplies budget category.

Indirect costs in the amount of \$95,638 have been moved to the Other category pending receipt of an approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

This amendment is issued to remove restriction on draw down of Federal funds. Grantee may draw down funds in accordance with the policy of the Division of Payment Management.

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STANDARD TERMS

1. Paid by DHHS Payment Management System (PMS). This award is subject to the requirements of the HHS Grants Policy Statement (HHS GPS) that are applicable to you based on your recipient type and the purpose of this award. This includes requirement in Parts I and II of the HHS GPS. Although consistent with the HHS GPS, any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, including 45 CFR Part 74 or 92, directly apply to this award apart from any coverage in the HHS GPS. This award is subject to requirements or limitations in any applicable Appropriations Act. This award is subject to the requirements of Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104). For the full text of the award term, go to the <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/discretionary-competitive-grants>. This grant is subject to the requirements set forth in 45 CFR Part 87. This award is subject to the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA or Transparency) of 2006 subaward and executive compensation reporting requirements. Initial expenditure of funds by the grantee constitutes acceptance of this award.

Award Specifics

1. Important Note: GrantSolutions is an online grants management system that you will be using for all of your grant activities associated with this award. It also provides a venue for Office of Grants Management (OGM) to work with you to manage your award. It is a web-based system, therefore you can access information about your grant anywhere you have internet access. GrantSolutions allows you to access information pertinent to your grant award, as well as submit reports and request all amendments electronically.

User accounts for the Authorizing Official and Principle Investigator/Program Director designated on the original grant application have been activated in GrantSolutions. Each user will receive two auto-generated emails from GrantSolutions; the first email will contain your Username, while the second email will contain your Password. The following is a direct link to the GrantSolutions system: www.grantsolutions.gov.

Federal Contacts – Communications and Reports

You will receive notification of your new Program Specialist in your "Welcome Letter" from your program specialist; questions and concerns regarding all programmatic issues and activities related to your grant should be directed to your designated Program Specialist. For questions and concerns regarding all fiscal and non-programmatic issues and activities (such as requests for drawdown of Federal grant funds; issues with financial matters; and guidance on financial reports), please see the following table to contact the OGM Specialist for your state:

Grants Management Specialist	E-mail Address	State Coverage
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