STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 7, 2020

Gerald Little
Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Little,

Pursuant to my authority under 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, and 2020-14 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authorize the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to expend the remaining balance of the $400,000,000 Main Street Relief Fund (MSRF) program for the New Hampshire Self Employed Livelihood Fund (SELF) program, to eligible and approved applicants. This authorization shall include the authority for DRA to accept, consider, and decide appeals to SELF program determinations. Such appeals shall not be subject to RSA 541-A and DRA's determination on such appeals shall be final. SELF Program shall not be subject to RSA 21-J:14 whose provisions are waived under this authorization which requires that each applicant's business name, business address, and any grant amount awarded shall be considered public information subject to disclosure to ensure transparency regarding the disbursement of economic relief funds into the economy. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020.

2. Authorize GOFERR to enter into agreements with various vendors to advertise the SELF program, for a total amount not to exceed $50,000, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
CC Lindsey Stepp, Commissioner, Department of Revenue Administration

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

July 6, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION 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, AND 2020-14

Dear Governor Sununu:

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority for the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to expend the remaining balance of the $400,000,000 Main Street Relief Fund (MSRF) program, in an amount not to exceed $100 million, for the New Hampshire Self Employed Livelihood Fund (SELF) program, to eligible and approved applicants, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for the SELF program payments are available in 05-84-084-840010 – Revenue Administration, 19030000 – Main Street Relief Fund, as follows:

	FY 2021
075-500590 – Grants Subsidies and Relief	$100,000,000

2. Contingent upon your approval of Requested Action #1, authorize GOFERR to enter into agreements with various vendors to advertise the SELF program, for a total amount not to exceed $50,000, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for the SELF program advertising are available in 01-02-002-020210 – Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, 19110000 – Office of the Director, as follows:

	FY 2021
102-500731 – Contracts for Program Services	$50,000

EXPLANATION

The Governor authorized the allocation and expenditure of $400 million in emergency funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to New Hampshire small, for-profit businesses due to due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19, under the New Hampshire MSRF program.

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Having made payments to eligible and approved MSRF applicants, the Governor further authorized the remaining balance of the MSRF to be expended for the SELF program, to eligible, approved applicants. Because there are some MSRF awards under review/appeal, this SELF request is for an amount not to exceed $100 million, and the actual total amount disbursed under the SELF program is anticipated to be less than $100 million. Grant award amounts for SELF will be calculated similarly to the MSRF, with the maximum award amount a business can received is $50,000.

The State of New Hampshire is not directing businesses on how to spend the money. Businesses must demonstrate they have experienced or anticipate they will experience a financial loss due to COVID-19 in order to qualify for a Self Employed Livelihood Fund Grant. It is expected that businesses will use the funds to assist in covering their operational costs and legal obligations.

The Application Period begins on July 6, 2020 and must be completed by 4:00 PM on Friday, July 17, 2020, using only the DRA web portal. No hand-delivered or mailed paper copies will be accepted. It is recommended that applications be finalized as early as possible before the deadline, and it is anticipated that the DRA will begin processing relief payments shortly after the filing period closes.

RSA 21-J:14 and RSA 282-A:118 shall not apply to the business names and addresses of all Applicants, and the amount of each award made to all Applicants/Awardees, which will be public information, subject to disclosure, and may be posted on the website of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). RSA 21-J:14 and RSA 282-A:118 shall not prevent sharing of information for the administration of the New Hampshire Self Employed Livelihood Fund Program (SELF) between DRA, the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security (NHES), and the Governor's Office, including GOFERR. DRA, NHES, and the Governor's Office, including GOFERR, will assert that any information obtained through SELF other than business names and addresses, and award amounts, is subject to RSA 21-J:14, RSA 282-A:118, and/or is confidential financial information that is exempt from disclosure under RSA 91-A:5,IV, unless ordered to disclose such information by a court of competent jurisdiction.

All costs of business interruption due to COVID-19 must be incurred by the recipients before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H. Little
Director, GOFERR